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彼と人喰いの日常

Ordinary days with a Man-Eater....

She may seem just like any pretty girl with black hair, but "Chloe" is actually an ancient demon...

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「契約……したじやろう?」

女が嗤う。

「だから助けた」

理解。

否定。

思考停止。

その言葉の意味を正確に理解しながら認識する事を拒否する。
それでも浸透するようにそれは浮かび上がって来る。

幻聴。

提案。

承諾。

結果。

生首。

つまりはつまりはつまりはつまりは



「あ、十夜君はいいわね」
「え、お」

頷くともう片方の手にも感触が。
「早へはなれまごめん」

その間「回りこんでいたのか、
反対側の手を黒衣が握っていた。」
「いや、な、な、な……ん」

これはさすがに周囲の目が……と
口にするよりも早く二人は歩き出した。
立夏に対して無理に振り払うような真似も出来ず、
引張られるままに十夜は進むしかない。
「早く歩……ん」



もしかしてシャンプーが
目に染みるのが緊急事態なのか？



「ネンピョッ！」



「主！
目が目が染みるのじゃー！」

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Prologue: He and Man-eater Made a Contract

Part 1

I was beaten. I was hurt. I was being laughed. Why did this happen? I don't even remember why it came to this. I think the reason is something so simple that was enough to trigger this tragedy. As long as the reason if everyone can be the victim right?

Dug

They started to kick me. Even though my reflex wasn't that bad, I never studied martial arts that's why I couldn't turn back in this situation while ganging up on me. What can I do know is to curl up and trying to survive.

"You're annoying you know!"

"Suck an eyesore"

"Just die you trash!"

Those abusive language and violence acts continue to be repeated toward me. At first, it was painful but anyone can get used to it. Once it's already accustomed, you can live with it. There aren't many people passed through this riverbed. So even how much I'll scream for help, there's no one who'll come and help me.

But that's not entirely true.

"..?"

I heard another voice that mixed within their mean words... no, I may imagining things. The important thing is to focus on surviving. Continuously being beaten was quite tiring, moreover, screaming in pain just makes me

more tired. As long as I can endure it, these guys will also get tired beating up on me too.

“Is that true?”

I hear her voice again, is it my hallucinations? Or this is what they called my conscience is already trying to deny this reality?

“No, no. I’m not the sound of your heart.”

My answer was denied. Then, what are you?

“Me? I’m Kuroe... a monster.”

Even my hallucinations answered my question. This is already beyond reason.

“Well whatever you say, but at this rate you’ll die.

... I will not die, they don’t have the guts to do it that far. As long as I’ll survive, it will end.

“That’s impossible.”

My hallucination replied with confidence.

“Tch, he doesn’t give up huh?!”

I feel their hands stopped beating me. I don’t know what happen because I was curling up. But the hairs on my neck stood up as if something really bad is happening.

“Oi, that’s too much...”

“Shut up!”

Thump

I was hit

“Gah!”

I don't know what happened. I felt a terrible pain in my back. What was that..? His right fist? But it was not a blow that can be dealt from human. The pain continues... to my bone. It could internally wound my organs. The ominous presence can be feel more clearly than before.

“See, I told you, didn't I?”

My hallucinations spoke coldly to me.

“I will beat him once again.”

The presence of the ominous came more quickly than those words. If I don't run immediately, it may be too dangerous. This is not the time to just curl up and do nothing... but my body won't move. Besides being received their fierce attacks, some parts of my body that was being hit by their fists can't move.

Thump

I was hit. I lost my consciousness again from the pain. At this rate, I'm going to die. But if I don't move my body, help will not come.

“That's not true.”

My hallucinations answered.

“I'll help you... but you have to make a Contract with me.”

This is just the sound of my hallucinations.

It is just... but...

“I agree to the... Contract.”

This body will become a corpse anyways.

“Help me.”

There was no other choice but to rely on it.

“Alright then.”

I (felt or hear? *Phat-chan, I prefer to use hear at this line.) the voice laughing.

Then... the screams rose.

Part 2

When I opened my eyes, the surrounding suddenly became dark.

“... What? Why?”

What I remember first is the pain. Though I'd already being beaten but mysteriously, pain is already gone. Including my back which it was hardly hit by his right hand. I made it sure to check it again but I don't feel anything strange from my back. It's completely gone.

“!”

As I hurriedly looked around, there's no sign of human beings... including those three people who were supposed to beating around me. The light coming from the sun isn't here either. But I can see things clearly enough because of the moonlight which it's currently shining brightly.

The moonlight illuminated the water that flows in the river and the grass. A small antique temple rolled in the ground. When I looked up and saw the riverbed, I can't see any human figure running across it. The light coming from the city didn't appear because it was blocked.

“A dream..?”

There's no mistake. I was in the riverbed earlier but there was no injuries on my body. Those three people who was beating me earlier also disappeared.

“So it was just a dream, huh?!”

I'm relieved.

“It can't be right?”

deg The hairs of my hairs started acting up again.

When I looked behind, there's a girl standing. Her age is not so different from me. From the looks, she looks like a Japanese doll with black long hair. She looked straight at me. The girl smiled without wearing any single piece of cloth in her... she seems doesn't mind with it. Her pupils are shining in bright gold in the darkness. They're so beautiful that I can't take my eyes off in her.

“Uh, why...”

I was really shocked. There should be no one around here and I just looked at the surroundings earlier. Even if she came here by running, I should've been noticed her presence from the start. It was too sudden. How I couldn't aware from someone who just came here running?

“From the beginning, I'm already here. It's just you didn't notice me.”



Liar. My reasoning told me, Although, I've been a little chaotic from the start but my consciousness is still clear as day. I shouldn't have missed a person who currently standing this close to me... that's when I realized. Since when there is something like a hole grasping on her right hand. It's like an object with a rope clutched to it.

“What... is that?”

I said that with my voice which it didn't came out smoothly.

“Oh, this is?”

The girl held out and showed it to me.

“I think it's much easier for you to understand by seeing it directly. Here, take a look.”

She threw it.

“Hii?!”

The object that's rolling in front me was looking at me. The eyes were wide opened and it seems very familiar to me.

“Correct! He's the guy who hit you with his right hand.”

With “Kukuku”, she grinned. My vision got blurry, my legs are trembling. I fell in the ground and from the angle, I can see his head clearly. The distance is getting closer and I can see his face clearly than before. Satou Hideaki and the other two of my class that were hitting me earlier. Why had his head severed and looking at me?

“The Contract has been established right?”

She was grinning.

“So that's why I came to help you.

I understand it.

I deny it.

My mind stopped thinking. While I'm trying to understand the meaning of those words, my consciousness are denying it. Even so, the meaning is started to get clear.

My hallucinations earlier.

A proposal from her.

Requesting approval.

As a result.

A heart severed.

This means, it means, it means, it means, it means...

"Ha haha... how can this be?"

I started to look for something that may deny her and said something even if only a little bit... this is very unreasonable. But the result is already in front of me, a fundamental thing like that can't be denied anymore

More precisely, as if the question has no meaning anymore. Standing in front of me is a slender looking girl. Her hands were empty, not holding any weapons. With her hands, she did something really bad to my three classmates... but she shouldn't be able to break their necks... however, she grinned.

She was grinning. Her smile... it's like reassuring my words.

"With this."

The figure of the girl started to change. As if inside of her something arises, then her appearance changed. The laws of physics also seemed to be unable to describe the phenomenon that's currently happening right now. This is clearly obvious that this is something not normal.

"A, ah..."

My voice didn't came out. The reason is there's a giant wolf here in front of me... yeah, a giant wolf. Her size is approximately 5 meters. Her entire body is covered with thick jet black hair. From the corners of her mouth there are fangs showing out. There's no more trace of the girl anymore... no, the eyes. Only the eyes that shining gold in the darkness which it is still the same.

"Now you understand right?"

She answered with a voice which it gave me chills.

"W... what?"

"This is how I helped you earlier."

How could I not understand? The giant wolf tells me what happened. If it's only three people, I think she can handle it with ease.

"You... ate everyone?"

"Yes, I ate them."

The giant wolf replied.

"They were afraid and trying to run because of my sudden appearance. Without giving them any chance, I leapt to them and attacked them. To make it sure you can understand it easier, I purposely leave a small part of their body for you."

Surely she meant of that severed head.

“but you don’t need this anymore, don’t you?”

After saying that, the giant wolf devoured the head... and chewed it in its mouth.

“?!”

She’s no longer looking at me.

After seeing something like that, I felt sick and threw up completely. I knelt down and vomited continuously until my stomach became empty.

“Hahaha, Master sure is weak to this kind of thing.”

The giant wolf grinned as she smirked and amused at me. But rather than feeling embarrassed, I feel like my mind is being stolen by it.

I could not understand the meaning of her words.

“Master is master isn’t it? Because you already formed a Contract with me.”

Yes, it’s true that was her voice I heard when she said she wanted to establish a Contract with me, in exchange for her helps. Even though it was just my hallucinations, I hang my life on it... and this is the result. But still, I can’t believe it. A monster who killed and devoured three of my classmates with ease calls me her master. Naturally, I assume the price for it is obviously horrible.

“The way you think is wrong, master.”

Even though I didn’t say anything, but the giant wolf grinned.”

As if she could read my mind.

“Exactly, I can read your mind. Particularly a mind which it’s currently unstable.

She smirked, “Kukuku.”

“Now let’s go back to the initial topic. This price requires a price. I must obey my master’s order to maintain my existence here.

The hair of my back starts to shiver again. Contract. Price. Just thinking about this makes me feel scared. If we read a book from any place and time, there will be something telling us that when forming a Contract with a monster, there’s always a price to pay and it’s likely to a big one.

“Kukuku, don’t be afraid.”

Again, did she read my mind again? The giant wolf grinned.

Although I’ve been told that the price is actually not that expensive if it’s viewed from another perspective. But that won’t give me any benefit from it.

Liar. My heart says so. Demon, Satan always whispering sweet words and takes advantages of the Contract. So that the people who contracted with him can be broken easily.

“Well, it’s up to master... but sooner or later, master won’t have any option to choose anyway.

True, because the Contract has been established.

“As the price of forming a Contract with me.”

Said the giant wolf.

“Once a month, give me something for food.”

Thump

My head is really hurt... I gritted my teeth hard and tried to open my mouth.

“What... can I get from doing that?”

“Like I said.”

The wolf replied.

“You do not need to accompany me to hunt. Anyone can be sacrificed as long as you give the permission... after that I will hunt them by myself.”

“I said what can I get from doing that?”

“Isn't there's one or three people that you want to kill?”

“?!”

“As long as you give your permission, I will hunt down that human... like those three people earlier.”

The severed head earlier crossed my mind again. The corpse that had its face distorted by fear. Every month, I had to pick one scapegoat to be killed as a form of price that I had to pay... so that's what she meant.

“True, but there's one thing that you still didn't understand Master.”

The giant wolf said.

“The price that you paid just now is to keep Contract with you. In addition, I can eat as many as I you want as long as I'm ordered by you.”

The giant wolf read my mind again and denied what I was thinking.

“It's true that those three guys were killed by me... but master isn't master himself who let them killed from me? Turning away from the Contract isn't good, you know.”

“?!”

But that...

“I didn't say that you can kill them.”

“Is it true?”

The giant wolf looked at me, is there any desire to kill me or not. Perhaps there is, but it could be nothing... I was thinking how to escape all this time.

Why did they die? Because I formed a Contract with her to ask for her help and consequently, they died.

“U... geeh!”

I started to vomit again. Though my stomach should be already empty right now, but seriously I vomited again. I continued to vomit up until my stomach turned upside down.

“It’s over already?”

“...”

Without waiting for my reply, the wolf continued.

“I still haven’t explained what will happen if the price is not paid.”

It’s true. There’s also a risk if I can’t pay the price in designated time.

“What... are you going to eat me?”

Although the price to be paid is my life, it would be better if I prepared mentally to pay in advance.

“No.”

The wolf... shook her head and grinned.

“When that happens, I will choose the people I eat by myself... and I will decide it myself when the time comes.”

“?!”

I was astonished. This is bad. Who may she'll eat later... I don't know. It could be a stranger but it could also be someone closes to me. It's all depends on the mood of this wolf. I can only wait in fear when I can't choose anyone. It'll more terrible than me being eaten.

"If master don't want that to happen, master should choose someone first right?"

The wolf said.

"Time... yeah what's the date now?"

"... May 25th."

"Well then let's start counting from June 1st."

It is already stated. In one month, the wolf must be fed with human.

"Oh, that's right. I still don't know master's name yet."

Reminding, the wolf asked.

"My... name?"

There was no choice but to answer.

"Kamisaki... KamisakiTooya."

"Fumu, a good name."

The wolf nodded.

"My name is Kuroe, spelled by black cloth." (TLN: black cloth = "kurrofuku")

After saying that, the wolf... Kuroe smiled.

"Please take care of me forever, my master."

"..."

If I was given a choice, I wouldn't rather want to take care of this monster.

"Oh my, this evil one is now my master."

She read my mind again and shrugged.

"But well it can't be helped... for now let's go to your house first."

"What?!"

I couldn't help but to shout.

"It is already late at night. Does master really want to continue talking in a place iek this?"

She does have a point.

"Or do you still want to talk to me in this place?"

I imagined talking to a giant wolf in the dark riverbed... thinking about that give me chills. It could be dangerous to anyone who see her.

"... okay."

I can only not at her.

"Fumufumu."

With a smile on her face, Kuroe nodded.

"Oh, master."

"... What?"

"First can you provide clothes for me... of course girl clothes?"

"Huh?"

Stunned, Tooya looked at the pleased Kuroe.

Chapter 1: His Life + Man-eater

Part 1

The distance that I didn't want to take grew closer. It doesn't matter how much I desire not to go forward. As long as my feet are still on the ground my body will automatically move forward... and when I realized it, I'm already in front of my house

"There are my parents in this house."

At the door, Tooya said that while in doubt... he hesitated to open the door. He feared that if something he didn't mention his parents are at home she might eat them.

"Hmm."

Kuroe nodded. She's currently in human form. The clothes that worn by her were bought by him on the way home. Initially, he lent his jacket but walking in the city with her half-naked is a no go. To be more precise, she was almost naked. And this isn't good for my heart and mind.... but fortunately no one else was looking.

"It could be a problem anyway."

If I told them my friend is going to play in my house, I think that reason is enough. I intend to make her settled in my house. Even if I have insisted that we were lovers who already pledge her love for now and the future, I think there would be no parents who would immediately accept that kind of reason obviously.

"Then, should I eat them?"

... Tooya's face suddenly became pale. While Kuroe started to grin.

“Just kidding.”

Don't joke with that kind of answer, it almost gave me a heart attack.

“I wouldn't dare to do that as long master is alive.”

Then I wish you don't come to my house, said Tooya in his heart.

“Well, what if I use my magic to lie to master's parent?”

“Magic... what magic?”

“Of course, Black magic. I'm a demon that has lived a long time so I know some hypnosis type black magic.”

Impossible. No matter how many times wolves mutate it's impossible for a mere wolf to learn black magic, isn't? I will be more convinced if this is something related to Norse mythology.

“The magic that I'll use on master's parents is a sort of hypnosis magic that will alter master's parents' memory. Ah don't worry, it won't have any side effect.”

As she said so, Kuroe directly approached the door.

“Ah, wait a minute...”

I chased her in a hurry. The door was locked, I don't see her opening it with force so I kind of relieved.

“Let me open it a bit.”

I took the key from my pocket and opened the door.

“I'm home.”

Immediately upon entering, I checked our shoe rack. The shoes that my father used were already in place. It means my father had already came

home. The lights in the living room were already lit up, it seems they both are there. If it's this hour, maybe they've had dinner first.

"Pardon the intrusion."

Without any thought, after saying that politely, Kuroe barged in.

"Those are master's parents, right?"

But despite that, nothing changed in my parents' faces.

"Ah, wait..."

I chased her right away at that moment... but at this time I could not catch up, and the door was open in the family room.

"Oh, welcome home..?"

My mother's voice. The final word was changed to the tone of a question because there's someone stood beside Tooya.

"I'm home!"

I interrupted hurriedly.

"Oh, Tooya.... your friend?"

"Um, this is..."

Tooya just nodded while pondering what excuses should he make, at that time.

snapped

Kuroe clapped her hand.

"Eh?"

They gasped. After hearing that clapping sound, the eyes of my parents suddenly became hollow. Their expressions seemed frozen.

“Hey, what are you...”

“Be quiet for a while.”

She interrupted me.

“You two already know me.”

Said Kuroe to my parents.

“We already... know you.”

My parents responded with eyes that are still hollow.

“I am Kuroe, the daughter of your college who is entrusted to you for a reason.”

“You are Kuroe... daughter of our college who is entrusted to us.”

“Do you have any question regarding that?”

“No we don’t.”

“Do you doubt me?”

“No, we don’t doubt you.”

“Do you have any problem with my behaviours?”

“No.”

Snapped

Kuroe clapped her hands once again. Soon after that, my parents’ eyes came back to normal.

“Well, welcome home Tooya... Kuroe-chan too.”

As if she had welcomed me as usual, my mother spoke. Moreover my father acted as if he was already familiar with her.

“You two can play as you like but don’t come home too late, because you’re the beloved daughter of my college. If something happens we will be in trouble, right?”

As if to reprimand, my father looked at me.

“I... I’m sorry... we will be more careful in the future.”

Taken aback, he answered. Kuroe had already hypnotized them, but to think the effect is much different from the usual hypnotic. It usually isn’t as simple as this.

“Oh my dear, why did I make dinner just for three people?”

My mother was shocked to see the table. But she wasn’t wrong because sometimes ago it’s only for three people. Then Kuroe came, hence it’s not enough.

“Oi, oi, then the food is not enough, isn’t?”

But my father didn’t realize it.

“I’m sorry Kuroe-chan, it wasn’t on purpose.”

“No, don’t worry about it.”

Kuroe answered haughtily to my mother who was apologizing continuously.

“I had dinner with Tooya... but we called you but didn’t get through.”

“Oh, so that was it.”

My mother smiled.

“Ah that’s right... how about I save the rest from dinner to make bento for tomorrow?”

“Hm, that’s way better rather than to waste it. I’m looking forward for tomorrow’s bento.”

Having said that, she smiled.

“Then, we will go back to our room.”

Without wasting any time, Tooya, whose hand was pulled by her, gone out from the family room. “They are both very good for each other,” that voice resounded behind as if Tooya’s parent did not suspect Kuroe.

“Now then, where’s master room, on this second floor?”

After going to the second floor, Kuroe spun her body and faced me.

Her face was grinning, remembering that kind of expression made Tooya feel chill on his back.

Part 2

Tooya room is big enough. There’re a desk, a computer and a TV. There are several bookcase lined in the walls, and the bed that’s large enough. In addition, in front of the TV there’s fairly spacious space for someone to roll in there. Because he is an only child, his parents made his room spacious during construction.

Hence, if there are two people in that room it wouldn’t feel cramped, but still to share his room with another person, it will become troublesome for him.

“Well, starting today this place is where I live.”

Kuroe said after looking around.

“Not bad.”

“Not bad you say..?”

Tooya asked with fear.

“Don’t tell me that you also want to stay in this room?”

“Why not?”

Kuroe replied to the question as if saying “Is there a problem?”

“No, no, no.”

Seriously, even if he should live under the same roof with her its fine, but if he must live in the same room, it’s too much. This room is special to him. Because this room is a place where he can be calm, allowing others to stay there with him is impossible... plus the otherreason is the person isn’t human. It’s impossible right?

“Hm, so master doesn’t want me to stay here, huh?”

“Well, yeah.”

Despite being fear of Kuroe, Tooya nodded.

“Well, so be it.”

To think Kuroe would back off so easily.

“I thought I’d stay here for master’s sake... but if master finds it troublesome, I don’t mind looking elsewhere outside.”

“What do you mean?”

Tooya didn’t understand the meaning of “staying here for his sake”.

“Like I said earlier, since I’m master’s servant, I shall obey your commands. That is, if I’m in a place where I can hear your command... when I am in a place which is not covered by your eyes, I can do as I like.”

Kuroe said so while grinning.

“If master has trusted me that much I don’t mind you know.”

“Wait.”

Tooya suddenly stopped Kuroe.

“I understand, you can stay here.”

Tooya said it with a forceful tone. He feels something bad might happen to him, because just by remembering her real identity is enough to give him a chill.... In the first place, bringing her here was a bad choice. It’s not a laughing matter anymore, especially if there’s someone who sees her committing those murderous acts by eating a human when he doesn’t keep his eyes on her.

“Hm... I guess I should do that... I can’t go against master anyways.”

She said it bewitchingly while grinning. Even so, she doesn’t look dissatisfied at all, but her face seemed to indicate that she wanted to do this from the start.

“You will... obey my order right?”

“Of course.”

Kuroe nodded... but he still doesn’t fully trust her. Tooya and Kuroe had already formed a pact, therefore she is a slave that shall abide to his will. Because he already seen it with his own eyes, the true identity of her which is an invincible giant wolf, he couldn’t swallow that fact.... but for that he himself can’t be sure about it. Who knows if she’s just making alie to him.

“If I’m not granted the opportunity, I can’t prove it whether I lied or not to master.”

Again, she read my thought. Although I ordered her not to read my mind, I couldn't be sure whether she really did it or not. I will be grateful if she can just shut her mouth when she finish reading my mind.

When I want to give an order to her, I must give unexpected order which she doesn't expect to get order like that. But I can't figure out something like it because I'm not smart enough. If I told her to die I think she certainly didn't want that... in the end I had to give the safe play order.

"Without my permission you may not go too far from me... that's my order."

To make sure, Tooya asked her with a commanding tone.

"I understand, O my master."

Kuroe was grinning, nodding from that order. It seems she already expected this kind of command? He thought... it's already too late by the time he regretted his order.

"It seems now you're looked calmer than before."

Suddenly, Kuroe said that. But it might be true, it felt different from his first meeting with her. The current him can think more clearly than before. Of course he still fears her, but to make his mind sharper he acted calmly, then a certain question popped up in his head.

"... I want to ask something."

"Um, what?"

"You are... Kuroe. What are you, actually who are you?"

"A demon."

Kuroe instantly answered.

"A monster?"

“No, it’s different from master’s imagination.”

Demon, monster... and such.

“Why was Kuroe at that place when I was beaten up that time?”

“It’s only coincidence.”

Kuroe answered.

“I was sealed in the place that you were at this noon... and I took the advantage of the situation.”

“Sealed... in that little temple?”

The small temple located near the riverbed, though his memories says that’s a small temple, he still remember it’s half buried on the ground and looks like a blob, but the sacred item that should be put in there was gone, so it was kind of a strange temple.

“That’s right! That’s where I was sealed.”

So the demon sealed there woke up and formed a pact with a man.... this setting seems to be like in a manga. In fact, he himself never thought it would happen to him.

“... Why are you sealed?”

“You see, I’m a man-eater.”

The answer is very reasonable.

“Human is odd, but nothing unusual for a man-eating monster to be sealed isn’t it? But hundreds of years has passed so the seal weakened... and I could reach to master this noon.”

This situational setting is very advantageous for her, added Kuroe.

“Because of master, I can go out again from that sealed temple... once again I thank you master.”

She grinned while saying that. In short, Tooya has released her from the temple, the place where she's been sealed painstakingly, just remembering that fact is enough to give him a headache. Three people had already fallen victims to her and it will increase more and more from now on.

“Don't worry, master doesn't need to be afraid.”

Said Kuroe.

“In the end, in this world humans will continue to die isn't it? I just help them die quicker that's all.”

She grinned. Still the presence or absence of this creature is still a huge problem.

“Well it's all depends on master who's going to die faster.”

Kuroe said so, while sighing.

“Now then, it's time for me to sleep.”

“Eh?”

Tooya suddenly let out a voice.

Tooya didn't think that she would say something like that suddenly, it's too soon for sleep at this hour.

“Maybe because I just released from the seal... I'm feeling so sleepy.”

Maybe because my body is still not accustomed to the outside world, said Kuroe.

“A lot of things happened and it should make you tired right, why doesn’t master also sleep?”

“Well... that’s true I guess.”

Once again, I notice my head is feel heavy... maybe I’m really tired mentally than physically. I’ve always worried since she appeared. So it’s only natural for me to be this tired.

“I see... then I’m going to bed.”

If I can be honest here there’s so much thing that I want ask her but I can’t stay conscious anymore, it’s meaningless to ask Kuroe any question right now when my head can’t function normally.

“Um.”

At that time, she began to remove her clothes.



“Hey!?”

At the same time, he felt uneasy at what she did so suddenly, after Kuroe have finished removing all her clothes, he remembered that he forgot to buy underwear for her... because he would be embarrassed to buy underwear for a girl.

“Then, I’m going to sleep first, master.”

After that she headed to the bed without a single cloth wrapping around her body.

“Just wait a minute!”

“What’s wrong?”

She turned around without even covering her body. He turned to the other side hastily. Although her body isn’t that plump, a supple body reflected on the end of his vision was enough to make a man involuntarily stole a glance at that two soft bulges which look like they’re still growing... uh I should take a good look at her body again, he sealed those words inside his heart but still his eyes wanted to take a look at that body once more.

“W... why are you naked!”

“Hmm?”

Kuroe cocked her head.

“Is there something wrong?”

“Of course there is!”

Because you were naked.

“As you can see master, I’m a demon wolf. It’s only natural for me to not wearing any clothes, of course I will properly put clothes on when I’m in front

of other people... but nor wearing any when going to sleep isn't a problem, is it?"

"No, there may be some truth in that but..."

Whether or not being persuaded is a different matter.

"Then what's wrong... hm?"

She caught Tooya of guard but Kuroe was aware of the situation and put a big smile on her face.

"Is master feeling excited seeing me naked?"

"W... what!?"

His face flushed when he heard that... seeing that reaction made her smile even wider.

"I, that's not true."

"Hou, then why doesn't master look at me?"

"Because there are the ethics and morals of this country."

"I don't mind."

Kuroe said that with confident.

"I am slave to master."

Slowly, Kuroe approached Tooya. She held his face so his eyes couldn't turn around or run away from her, and she kept moving her face closer and closer to him until it was right in front of him. His face was reflected fully in front of her eyes and she whispered.

"Therefore, any of master's wishes I would gladly accomplished it."

Slowly, her lips drew closer.

“A, what do you mean by that!?”

“Any wish that master’s want, you can even ask me to do this and that.”

Kuroe grinned broadly. Just what did he imagine? His face was getting redder.

“So what is the order for me?”

“N-No!”

Tooya screamed.

“Because there’s no order just hurry up and go to sleep. It’s okay without clothes too! So never mind me.”

“... how boring.”

Kuroe muttered as if her fun was spoiled. She released her hand from his face and got into Tooya’s bed and curled up like a dog.

“Because this is the order from master... I’ll sleep.”

Then, she closed her eyes and began to snore softly.

“Huff...”

At least for now Tooya feels relieved... but then he realized.

The only bed in my room had been taken, and where do I sleep?

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Part 3

In the riverbed there’s a man standing.

“I feel unusual presence in here...”

He muttered as if he got into trouble. His gaze wandered to the small shrine that was already damaged.

He looked up into the midnight sky. The moonlight was more dazzling than usual.

“It seems there’ll big trouble is coming.”

Chapter 2: His Life with His Childhood Friend + Man-eater

Part 1

I had a dream. A painful dream in the darkness. Beaten without a way to resist. I could only bear the pain... suddenly the voice ended. The head of the beating man suddenly rolled out.

Then, the scream.

This isn't the end... This is just the beginning.

“! ?”

I suddenly awakened.

“So... It was only a dream.”

This way of waking up was terrible. His whole body was drenched with sweat... because of this, his whole body is hurt. Why? That's because he was sleeping on the floor all night. When he was thinking about why he would have to sleep on the floor... so that was the reason. He then realized all of this nightmare wasn't just a dream. From the gap of the blanket I could see a thigh... that's what the nightmare I was talking about

“If all of this was a dream it would be great...”

But right now Kuroe was sleeping on Tooya's bed. These were undoubtedly realities, it made Tooya feel that every things happened yesterday were real.

“Hm, m... it's already morning?”

Kuroe started to wake up. Kuroe still naked as the same last night, Tooya sees Kuroe slowly standing up panicky averting his eyes.

“Put your clothes on first if you want to go out.”

“U, mu...”

With that weak reply at his back, Tooya left the room. Unlike yesterday Kuroe didn't tease him today... Perhaps Kuroe is weak in the morning?

“... Done.”

Hearing that he came back to the room, Kuroe had already put her clothes on. But she's still sleepy.

“This time it's my turn to change clothes.”

Yesterday he was wearing uniform while sleeping. Even if the uniform couldn't be changed, at least he had to replace the clothes which it was already drenched because of sweat.

“Um.”

Kuroe nodded.

“...”

Kuroe, stayed motionless.

“Ah, I want to change my clothes?”

“Um.”

Kuroe nodded.

“...”

“Ah, I want to change my clothes?”

I said it again.

“Um.”

Kuroe this time... didn't even move.

“No, I said, I want to change my clothes so could you please go outside.”

“Just change as you like... I don't mind.”

“I really mind!”

“Hm..?”

I cried out loud... Kuroe tilted her head with a tired face.

“... You've already seen me naked?”

“What!?”

“... But you don't want to let me see your naked body?”

“It was you who showed it to me!”

He shouted as to make an excuse.

“... Master is really cold.”

Kuroe whispered.

“No, the issue is not about being cold...”

“Stingy.”

Kuroe begun sulking by pouting her mouth

“I'm also a girl, certainly I may be interested the naked body of young boy.”

“Obviously you're a monster which you already lived hundreds of years, you have no rights to call yourself a girl...”

But Kuroe shook her head.

“Master really doesn't understand girl's heart.”

“Instead of a girl's feeling, I feel the gaze of a child who really want to cut a frog openly.”

Obviously looking from the side she was grinning.

“...Anyway, you’ve already fully awoken now.”

“Um.”

She simply nodded her head.

“... Fuu.”

Then I breathed in, inhaled... and yelled:

“Get out!”

“Hm, understood.”

Without any remorse in her face, Kuroe went out of the room.

Part 2

“Master, I have a request.”

After being driven out for a while, Kuroe suddenly said that.

“... What is it?”

I was stunned. Although the sleeping and waking up Kuroe was quite easy going, But that still couldn’t make people forget that she could easily kill people.

“I want an hour of freedom.”

“... Do you think I will allow it?”

Because of fear of not seeing her, so he gave the order of not letting her leave on his side.

“I won’t do anything harmful to people.”

“... I can’t believe anything you said.”

This was impossible.

“Hm... This is for master’s own good.”

“For... me?”

He felt that yesterday they did the same commitment.

“You want to go to school?”

When I looked at my watch, it was already 7:30, usually I go to school at 8:00 AM and it takes about 20 minute to reach school. Moreover, it doesn’t matter even if I don’t go today after that event yesterday.

“No no, I better go.”

Kuroe smiled.

“You also don’t want to add more unnecessary doubts right?”

“Unnecessary, doubts... ?”

Not understanding that sentence, I looked back at Kuroe .

“You see, those 3 people. If people think that master killed them wouldn’t it be troublesome?”

“Tsu!?”

Tooya’s face tensed up.

“Needless to say all those guys will no longer appear. Even if there are no corpses there still will be some fusses..... when that time is come I think master is the first one to be suspected?”

Those three. Were beating Tooya... then Kuroe ate them. I’m afraid in a few days after, their disappearances will cause some commotions.

Of course, they're not really missing... they were eaten. So they won't be able to find those who had died.

But the search will still be carried out. When the time comes they will searching for those missing people and search the cause of disappearance of those three. Then the first to be suspected would be Tooya. And that's why... Tooya can't missed school in the day those three people gone missing

“What's the connection between this and giving you some free time?”

Tooya said while groaning.

“Of course there is.”

Kuroe nodded and said.

“If master wants to go to school then mustn't I go to school with you?”

“Ah.”

This is true, to make her follow every order he make, she must been keep at Tooya's side all time. But school is not a place you could suddenly run in... but if they didn't go to school together, Kuroe would be freed, then it would also very terrible.

“Only one hour, I can get into school.”

There was no other choice. If now he refused to give Kuroe one hour of freedom, it would give Kuroe even more freedom. Not allowing her to go to school though may be the best option... but the risk was too much, and he couldn't keep her here forever.

“... I understand.”

Thus, he could only agree. He could only trust Kuroe's words. Even if she is a terrible man-eater, he could only try to trust her... at this time, Tooya suddenly remembered.

"Kuroe... you were sealed there?"

"That's it, what happened?"

Kuroe asked back.

"But you're not confused?"

"Confused?"

"You haven't been to the outside for several hundred years?"

Even so Kuroe still looked calm. Hundreds of years ago and now there should be big differences. Even after what happened Kuroe didn't look neither confused nor surprised. Even Kuroe was technically different from other people, this really making me think that she was being sealed was something that never happened.

"Hm, I see."

Kuroe seems like she understand Tooya's question.

"The answer is very simple, because I know this world."

"... How do you know it?"

She was obviously sealed.

"When I was sealed I talked to master didn't I?"

"... ah ha."

"How do you think it's done?"

"It's similar to telepathy and the like?"

At that time a voice echoed in his head.

“Wrong, not that kind of thing.”

Kuroe shook her head.

“Not a method, go back to the previous stage.”

“... Previous stage?”

“Correct, the first thing you need before a conversation.”

Tooya thought. To talk sound is needed, but Kuroe said it was not this but to take a step back... it was the target of conversation. If there's no target of conversation, the conversation can't be established. Even if she try to talk but there's no target of conversation her conversation would never reach out to other people

“It's pretty useless if the other party isn't visible, right?”

If you don't know if there's anyone to hear your words, the dialogue cannot be established.

“Exactly. After few hundred years the sealed had been slowly weakened, I could make a little outside interference possible. Of course not only telepathy, I could use all-seeing eyes, so I understand the world up till now.”

“So there's no need for any worries.”

Kuroe said.

“No matter what will happen I'll find the suitable solution to handle it.”

If she said so there's nothing to worry about right? Wait why do I feel relieved after hearing this.

“... I see.”

Tooya once again nodded.

Then Kuroe smiled again.

“Then, I’ll be right back.”

Kuroe quickly left the room.

Part 3

Then back to the daily routine... of course, Tooya also understand that this is only temporary. Just couldn’t see Kuroe’s figure, made Tooya feel very assuring.

He washed his face as usual, having breakfast as usual. Because of Kuroe’s magic, even though Kuroe wasn’t here his parents didn’t question anything.

” I’m going out.”

It was already 8:00 AM in the morning Tooya left his house for school. Kuroe still hadn’t returned from her trip. He remembered she was telling him that she would back in 1 hour. If that the case she should back by Homeroom period. Well knowing this, what would happen next must be she comes with a teacher as a transferred student, normally that should be the case.

“... Haa.”

He sighed. No matter what Kuroe will come to school no doubt. To be frank... without Kuroe in his side he felt very calm, but at the same time he felt uneasy about what would happen afterwards.

“... Fuu.”

He sighed again. Whatever now he only had to go to school... forget it, Tooya’s school isn’t a quite for place anyways.

“Tooya-kun.”

Tooya was taken aback as his name was called, then he turned back.

“... Rikka.”

It was a very familiar face. It was his childhood friend that currently living next door. Just like the man-eater Kuroe, she peeked at Tooya. Tooya stuck his tongue out as he felt an unpleasant feeling after seeing the face that was suitable for that petite body.

“Your bruises.”

“!?”

Rikka immediately took out her mirror panickly. After confirming the bruises on her face, her face starting to distorted. It was covered by cosmetic so it was easy for me to notice that small bruise.

“Later I will stop at convenient store to buy make-up to cover it.”

I couldn't say go home first and fix your make up.

“I won't go with you.”

Tooya said that, Rikka looked like she was about to cry but Tooya frowned.

“... Don't talk to me at school, I said it before right?”



“Here, isn’t in school.”

Rikka used a little strong tone to replied Tooya.

“Because we’re in uniforms, so it is almost the same.”

It seemed this was gonna be a long long way to school.

“Well then, I want to go to school... don’t follow me.”

Tooya began to walk. Rikka as Tooya said didn’t follow him... but Tooya stopped walking after taking a few steps. Because he knew her for a long time, he can guess easily what kind of face she was making right now.

“... Haa.”

Turning back, he could see Rikka showed she’s about to cry as expected.

“A, really, don’t cry now.”

“... I’m not crying.”

Obviously she was desperately holding her tears in.

“I know, I will accompany you to the convenience store before.”

Tooya as if giving up said so... then Rikka revealed a bright expression.

“Un, thanks.”

“... Haa.”

Sighing. Convenience store is a bit far away from school. There should be no one else to see him and Rikka together.

“It can’t be helped...”

Rikka’s bruises on her face entered his sight.

Tooya immediately averted his eyes, and headed toward school.

Part 4

“That, that cat is very cute.”

“... Hee.”

Tooya faintly responded while walking. Although Rikka desperately wanted to talk to Tooya, but Tooya didn't have the will to answer it. This wasn't because Tooya hated Rikka... It was just, Tooya thought that this was the best. Well, this may all become meaningless because of what happened yesterday... But there wasn't a way to stop it immediately.

“I want to keep a cat.”

“... But raising cats isn't easy.”

He tried to sugarcoating his words even though it was impossible for her to raise a cat. Rikka's family now couldn't be said as a good environment suitable for raising a cat... Rikka should know this very clear. Rikka just said it but wouldn't admit it... that's all.

It was the same for Tooya.

“Keeping dog is more interesting.”

In a split second, Rikka looked surprise at Tooya... But, she soon laughed.

“Un, dogs are cute too!”

“It's called Chihuahua.”

“That is not very cute. The eyes are too big.”

“... a, really.”

Her reference is really complicated

“A husky type of dog is good too. Big one, but also fluffy.”

“Why does Rikka like to choose such troublesome type...”

“I like it.”

“... Really.”

If this is also a hobby, then there is no way.

“Nee, Tooya-kun.”

Rikka suddenly exposed a serious expression.

“What happened to you?”

“... Why did you ask?”

Being asked such question, Tooya frowned a bit.

“Because when we were at the gate, you were sighing.”

“... Sighing, I do that every day.”

Tooya replied.

“If anything happened I would say, I do this every day. This Rikka should be aware of?”

“... Un.”

“Rikka doesn’t have to worry about me... compared to me, you have something to do right?”

“... Un, yes.”

Rikka softly said.

“We’ve come to the convenience store.”

At this point they had reached the convenience store. Tooya said those words as if wanting to end the topic.

“Go ahead. I want to go first.”

“... Un.”

With slight hesitant Rikka nodded. Then stood in place for a while, and headed toward the convenience store.

“Rikka.”

Tooya yelled.

“Don’t talk to me at school.”

“... Un.”

Rikka didn’t turn back a direct response. So Tooya didn’t see Rikka’s expressio... well, although it was easy to guess.

“Then I’ll go first.”

“Un, see you later.”

Well they’re in the same class so they would meet again later.

But, there should be no conversation to make.

Part 5

“Good morning.”

After Tooya opened the door to the classroom. The sight of the students were concentrated on Tooya, the noisy classroom quieted down for a moment... and then as if nothing had happened it became noisy again. Tooya wordlessly walked to his seat.

“... Fuu.”

Tooya sat down and sighed. Although this was already a daily basis but he still couldn’t get used to it... being avoided was much better than being

bullied. Because being avoided is the same as being treated as non-existent, you would only feel isolated but there would be no real harm.

There was still a bit of time before HR started. Although you can spend your time chatting, but that kind of event didn't happen with Tooya. With nothing to do, Tooya took out the first lesson material from his book and started review the lesson materials... Thanks to this, Tooya scores were slightly improved.

“Good morning.”

Rikka entered the classroom in about five minutes later than Tooya. When she entered, there was someone responded to her which it was different compared to Tooya. Although he feels Rikka's gaze, but Tooya's pretending to be a same and reading his text book as usual. Then soon came Rikka's pleasant conversation between her friends... Feeling a little peace of mind, he began to look around the classroom.

“ ... ”

Tooya eyes stopped at a vacant seat. HR would start immediately but it was still empty. Because the student sitting there was often absent, so no one would care... but Tooya knew. There wouldn't be anyone who would seat in that chair to begin with.

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The bell rang. Tooya removed his line of sight from the empty chair and closed the text book.

“Good morning.”

Almost the same time the class teacher walked into the classroom.

“Hurry up and sit down. HR is starting.”

The noisy classroom quieted down.

“Now start the roll call. Aoki, Asai...”

“Kamisaki.”

“Yes.”

Replied.

“Kurumi.”

Rikka also replied.

“Ensaka... Not here again.”

Sensei looked at the empty seat. Five minutes later the roll call was over.

“Then I know this is so suddenly but today... there’s a student transferred into our class.”

The words of the teacher made the classroom boil up in one breath. But this was part of Tooya’s expectation so there’s nothing to be surprised about.

“Come in.”

After the teacher finished the door opened. At this moment, the classroom was silent... she had such a dignified presence

“Nice to meet you. I am Ogami Kuroe .”

Kuroe started her introduction shyly. It was not ordinary attitude, instead an elegant one. Even knowing Kuroe’s true nature, Tooya was also fascinated by her. Kuroe was now giving an impression of an elegant aura that is befitting for a lady in a kimono.

“From now on we’re going to study together. I might give you some troubles, I hope to be able to get along with everyone.”

And then she smiled. Not only were the boys, even the girls' faces were red.

"Eto, your seat will be..."

"Can I seat next to him?"

Sensei looked in the direction of Kuroe's finger... There was no doubt that the front of Kuroe's fingertips was pointed at Tooya.

"Next to Kamisaki... you know him?"

"Yes."

Then Kuroe smiled.

"We're engaged."

"! ?"

The classroom was in chaos... Tooya started getting headache at this moment.

"Very well, then you just sit there."

In contrast with the classroom, sensei calmly accepted it. Promptly issued instructions to move the students next to Tooya... that teacher, I didn't expect him to be such a flexible person, no! She might have done something to this teacher like she did with my parents.

But this wasn't the main problem, the main problem was all the eyes on the classroom was focused on him. There was a confusing gaze cast on him , a puzzled gaze , a scornful gaze and the other which it doesn't matter anymore. But latter all of this would became a headache to him.

"Please take care of me."

The person in question Kuroe with a face that says “this has nothing to do with me” sat in the seat next to him

Part 6

After that commotion happened the atmosphere in class had become quite delicate. Normally after this kind of thing happened everyone in class would certainly surround the transfer student, But because Kuroe stated such a thing none of those classmate took any action. I didn't whether Kuroe wanted to continue this engagement play till the end. Kuroe became very intimate after that and it was troubling because there were many people who saw it.

“... Haa.”

Thus when the lunch break came, Tooya immediately fled the classroom... well, even if there was no such thing happened still he wouldn't stay in the classroom for lunch. Tooya's shelter is the rooftop. It was originally locked and couldn't be opened, but Tooya have a key to open it.

“That was really too much, master.”

After coming to the rooftop he hurriedly locked the door... but still Kuroe came. Kuroe didn't came from the door, but over the fence.

“You actually left your just transferred in fiancée.”

“... Who's your fiancée.”

Tooya replied with a fed up tone.

“You say that without my permission... what are you intending to do?”

“Nothing.”

Kuroe answered.

“I said that so the mob-character won't be come after you again master.”

That was indeed the case... but obviously there were other better ways.

“By the way, your eyes.”

“Hm?”

“It's nothing, I just found they are black.”

“Aa.”

Kuroe nodded.

“If they were gold then it would be too conspicuous, so I used magic to turn them black.”

Indeed there's no human with golden eyes.

“Says, master.”

“... What is it?”

“Is there any problem between master and the class?”

“!?”

The sudden question shook Tooya.

“Why do you ask?”

“Nothing, just after master came out of the classroom they were looking for me. Although they asked me a lot of questions, but would always avoid the topic about master... generally I would feel a little strange, right?”

The rumors about having a fiancée is good gossips to talk, so I didn't see why they didn't mention it when asking Kuroe

“In the end, what happened?”

With smile on her face Kuroe looked at Tooya.. from her expression Tooya didn't know she had seen all the question till the end.

Tooya slightly shifted his line of sight from Kuroe and said.

"Yesterday... I almost died?"

"Hm."

She nodded.

"The one who beat me were the notoriously bad students of the school... so everybody was dodging me."

"You're targeted, un.."

Kuroe seemed like she didn't understand and repeat it.

"Says, master."

"... What."

"Why doesn't master resist?"

In a blink, Tooya face became blank. But soon returned to its original form.

"... This is not surprising. They were three people and only me."

"Hm, is that so..."

Kuroe tilted her head.

"But even in that situation you didn't resist those guys. Since master should have such courage you shouldn't have done nothing."

"... You overestimate me."

Tooya as if you want to end the topic said that... but Kuroe continued.

“Even so you didn’t retort to those guys... says, what weaknesses are caught by them.”

Although Tooya want to brush it off but after listening to this sentence he couldn’t be helped but get shaken. Not to mention this, Kuroe starting to raise her mouth edge.

“Speaking after master left the classroom, the classmates had been asking me questions but only one person did not come.”

“ ... ”

“But she had been looking at me. Obviously wanting to ask me immediately, but didn’t have the courage to ask... with the same expression.”

“ ... ”

Tooya lightly bit his lips.

“What was her name... seems to be Kurumi Rikka or something.”

“Kuroe!”

Having recovered Tooya grabbed Kuroe’s collar.

“Muu, why so sudden?”

“Don’t touch her!”

These words made Kuroe shrugged.

“I won’t do anything. I just felt from her sight that she wanted to talk to me.”

Just as Kuroe said, Kuroe just felt that.

“Hm, sure enough that girl is master’s weakness.”

Kuroe seemed relieved and nodded.

“Being threaten if you resist she would be hurt, or being aware of this possibility and gave up resisting... because of that girl master still chose a thorny road no matter what. But also in order not to let her get involved and wouldn't let her talk to you.”

Kukuku, Kuroe laughed.

“My master is really great not like those spineless human around master.”

“... You're taking me for a fool?”

“How come.”

Kuroe shrugged exaggeratedly.

“Actually think of this point for other, this is a virtue. That girl is really happy.”

Tooya looked straight to the smiling Kuroe and said.

“Don't touch her!”

“... Well, I said I wouldn't do anything. I will not act without the command of master.”

“You already made a rumor about our engagement without my permission.”

“Forget about it if the other party found out then there's no returning.”

“Eh?”

Tooya didn't understand what she's saying, and then when he want to ask Kuroe what she's mean by that...

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The door that was already locked start to rattle.

“No way...”

Looking at the door of the person that Tooya didn't really expected was there.

“Tooya-kun, are you here?”

“Rikka! ?”

Why it must come to this!? He didn't even want to think about it. Although he already told Rikka to not talk to him at school, and then out of nowhere someone has self proclaim that she's his fiancée, even I would be very concerned about it .

“Nee, open the door.”

Gachi gachi The door knob let out such sound.

“You won't open it?”

Kuroe looked at Tooya. Although it couldn't be helped, but looking at the same side, here he didn't have to worry about being seen by others... after re-thinking and thinking again Tooya sighed.

“I'll open it... but don't do anything against Rikka.”

“Roger.”

Smiling Kuroe nodded... looking at her face Tooya didn't know what she was plotting this time. Although his heart was a bit uneasy but he also had to open the door.

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As Tooya opened the door. A wobbled Rikka appeared in Tooya's sight. There was no doubt that she was crying a little on the way here

“Come in.”

“Un... A.”

Immediately nodded, after seeing Kuroe figure behind where Tooya standing, she started to frown. Although Rikka’s face had a little distortions, but Rikka still looked at Tooya.

“Don’t worry, just come in. Then I’ll give you a good explanation.”

“... Um.”

Rikka once again nodded and came in the roof. After Rikka went in, Tooya locked the door again... but Tooya completely didn’t know how to explain next.

“Nee, you... are Ogami Kuroe-san, right?”

Didn’t wait for Tooya to begin his explanation Rikka started talking to Kuroe, this was very rare for the introverted Rikka.

“Yes, and you are... ?”

Well-behaved Kuroe responded. Because this was the first time the two talk, so Kuroe shouldn’t know Rikka’s name.

“I’m Kurumi Rikka.”

In a pinch, Rikka started strengthen her tone.

“Ogami-san, what is your relationship with Tooya?”

“Ara.”

Kuroe revealed a little surprised expression.

“I should have said I’m his fiancée?”

“Liar!”

Rikka yelled.

“This kind of thing, I obviously don’t know.”

Rikka was getting teary.

“Ara, etou...”

Kuroe seemed to be confused looking at Tooya. But... these were all just an act, Kuroe was waiting for Tooya to to give an answer.

“Rikka’s house is next to mine. We’re childhood friend.”

“Aa, so that’s the case.”



Kuroe seemed to understand nodded.

“So that was the case huh... Kurumi-san, that was a lie.”

“Eh?”

“Right, that engagement is a lie.”

Kuroe once again looked at the stunned Rikka.

“You see even if I say it myself... I’m also very beautiful?”

“Eh, un.”

Rikka with a bewildered look nodded. This girl really said it herself.

“So in the previous school, the boys had been pestering me, it was very troublesome...therefore, this time in order not to have these troubles I lied.”

“Ah, is that so...”

“Yes, if there is a marriage then I wouldn’t be entangled again.”

Although it looked like a self-proclaimed, but Kuroe did have people who agreed with her appearance. so Rikka also relieved.

“But, in the end what’s your relationship with him?”

“I and Tooya are relatives... we only seen each other once when our relative met up, but I still haven’t been here before as I wanted to. So this time because some reason that happened between my parents and Tooya’s parents, I’m currently living in his home, and after discussed with him we decided to do this.”

“Oh I see...”

“Relieved?”

“Ee!?”

Rikka flushed.

“N, no, I and Tooya-kun relationship is not kind of thing you imagined!”

Rikka looked toward Tooya while she was trying to deny it in a hurry.

“Oh, we are just childhood friend.”

“Un... oh, you are right.”

It's better to not reject it if it's going to result in a gloomy atmosphere.

“It seems the relationship between you two are quite good.”

Kuroe smiled slightly.

“I, I said it's not that!”

Rikka flushed to deny. But knowing Kuroe's true nature Tooya really couldn't laugh.

Kikon Kikon

Suddenly the bell rang. So Tooya was saved and relieved.

“Rikka, almost time to go back.”

“Ah, is that so.”

Rikka nodded. Tooya opened the door, Rikka at this time asked.

“Tooya-kun won't come back?”

“I'll be back a bit later.”

Tooya answered so.

“We can't come back to class together, right?”

Suddenly Rikka become worried after hearing that words. This was half lie, half true.

“... ok. Then I go back first.”

The worried face on Rikka didn't fade as she begin to leave the rooftop Tooya had been watching Rikka leaving, until he couldn't see Rikka anymore he turned around.

“Don't stare at people.”

Kuroe said that this time without even a little look of guilty at all.

“I already followed your order to not touch her and fixed the misunderstanding about that fiancée issue right?”

“... Aa.”

Tooya nodded. Indeed so.

“If that already accomplished why are you look dissatisfied master?”

“...”

Tooya didn't answer. It was hard to say if this kind of result was satisfying, he was afraid that kind of conversation between Kuroe and Rikka was going in the strange direction, He was afraid that Kuroe would treat Rikka with such threatening attitude it was not good just let it go and just watch from side. Kuroe was getting close to Rikka, this Tooya had a bad feeling about.

“Forget it, master, if we don't go now we'll be late.”

“... you're right.”

Tooya nodded and left the rooftop.

Part 7

“Even so it is really too much, Tooya-kun.”

On the way home after school, because Rikka was left behind she ran after him, and said with a pouted face.

“But why.”

“Because you didn’t tell me about Ogami-san.”

From Rikka’s point of view this was indeed true... In fact, Tooya had also just learned today that this could be regarded as a major changes in his life.

“Eto, sorry.”

Incidentally Kuroe who was the center of the conversation wasn’t here. Seemed like wanting to understand the situation inside the school... she was allowed to do so under my command, but I thought it wouldn’t have any kind of restrain in her.

“Because everything was so sudden... I just, forgot to tell you.”

“... true?”

“It was true.”

That sudden marriage thing was not lie. This was literally what happened yesterday... he just knew this kind of thing this morning when he was at school. Forget about it, it was better to say that he forgot something that he really wanted to forget.

“... it can’t be helped, I’ll forgive you.”

Rikka seemed to agree with him heaved a sigh of relieved.

“But Ogami-san is currently living at Tooya-kun’s home.”

“Aa, that’s the case.”

“... Separate room?”

“This is, of course right?”

Immediately answered by Tooya, to keep this kind of thing so it won't be suspected Tooya must give instant reply as a matter of course, and also he couldn't be wavering even in the slightest. Also answering as fast as I could also won't work. Answering too fast would make people think that it was scripted even though this was a delicate manner this was the best answer that I could give to Rikka

“But is there a room in Tooya's house?”

“We have cleaned the room that it was used as warehouse. Although there will be inconvenience, but everything inside has been moved to the rooftop.”

Because of her childhood friend, she already familiar of his house very clearly... so Tooya had long thought of this answer. Tooya family places long-lasting items on the roof, Other than that, it would be placed in an empty room called a warehouse. So, let's just say that wasn't impossible for Kuroe to live under one roof with Tooya without even have to share room with him... Well, the problem is that when Rikka comes to the house, it is also necessary to meet what was now being said.

“Great... it doesn't sound like a lie.”

Rikka said while relieved.

“Why would I lie.”

Well, indeed all of it was a lie.

“Because, Ogami-san is very beautiful.”

Well, she did look very beautiful.

“So I'm really worry that Tooya-kun might push down Ogami-san.”

“... Rikka, so you look at me like that.”

This evaluation was a bit too much.

“You see, living under the same roof, and then there will happen things like seeing each other naked, meet in the bathroom and such?”

“Your reading too much manga.”

Well, I was being seen naked though.

“My parents are also at home, this strange situation will not happen.”

Well, even if Kuroe caused any strange situation, my parents won't ask about it.

“Un, you're right.”

Rikka recognized. Tooya once again heaved a sigh of relieved. Keeping this kind of secret from her is very painful for him even though it was for her sake. Well, not everything was a lie, at least Tooya didn't do that kind of thing with Kuroe like what her imagined. Although the rational aspects were at great danger, but knowing Kuroe's truth, it should make him not to cross the line.

“Nee, next time let's go play with Tooya-kun's parents.”

“Eh.”

Tooya wavered because of this sudden invitation.

“Why?”

Tooya suddenly asked back.

“Because, recently I couldn't go to Tooya-kun's house... and I want to be closer to my new neighbor Oogami-san.”

“Yea, yeah.”

This reason was very common so he couldn't refuse.

“Etou, next time I'll go to ask Kuroe when it is convenient.”

“Un, please do.”

“Well I dont think it will be right now.”

At least I should tell her after I finish make up the room for Kuroe.

“No need to be right now... although, the quicker the better.”

“Aa, I'll ask Kuroe.”

Answered by Tooya... after that Rikka look at Tooya with a determination in her eyes

“... Tooya-kun.”

“Un?”

“Oogami-san, you call her by her first name right?”

“A, un... seems so.”

Because from the very beginning he already call her by the name of Kuroe, the Oogami part was something she add-on later.

“Well you see, from children perspective calling each other by first name is more relaxing for them even for the other people who sees it.”

How can be such a thing? Just take Rikka as example, she's my childhood friend so I call her by first name since we were little.

“Un, right.”

Rikka slightly nodded her head.

“It can’t be helped... although it’s a bit lonely.”

She said the words too softly, Tooya couldn’t hear it.

“Well then, goodbye.”

At this point they’d just reached home, Tooya ended the conversation.

“Un, goodbye.”

Rikka responded and headed for her home.. watching Rikka, Tooya shook his head as if to drive off something. He couldn’t do anything.

Nothing could be done... was more accurate.

Part 8

“Says, you want to take a bath too Kuroe?”

Tooya who had finished the bath after supper today, suddenly noticed the matter. Every time he came back from the bath, Kuroe was staying in the room.

“... No, such thing.”

Unusual, Kuroe’s response to his voices was ambiguous.

“... Give me an honest answer.”

“ ... ”

Kuroe didn’t speak.

“This is an order. Give me an honest answer.”

Tooya had no choice but to say this.

“... No bath.”

Kuroe replied, taking her eyes off Tooya's body.

"No bath... since removing the seal you haven't bathed?"

"... Completely didn't bathed."

Tooya put his hand on his head. In his head there was only 『Dirty』 .

"Go take a bath."

"Don't wanna!"

Suddenly Kuroe shouted and shaking her head.

"I'm a powerful youkai! Even if I won't bath I won't be dirty!"

Indeed Kuroe didn't go to the bathroom but she didn't smell a bit... but modern people who are used to taking a bath couldn't allow Kuroe.

"Listen to me, go take a bath."

"Why!?"

"It's mentally disgusting."

"Too unreasonable!"

With a strong tone she refused. In this case where Tooya must live with Kuroe he hope she could go take a bath everyday to clean her body. How can he agree with her reason that cleaning her body with supernatural power was enough.

"Kuroe, this is an order. Go take a bath."

Although Tooya thought this was a stupid order, But Kuroe didn't listen if he had not.

"U, mu... since it's an order it cannot be helped."

Although Kuroe's heart was full of dissatisfaction, but she still nodded.

"... Then, I'll go take a shower."

Kuroe with a bitter face stood up, heading toward the door.

"Before going to the bathtub you need to clean your body, your hair should also be well washed with shampoo."

Tooya from behind Kuroe said so.

"..."

Kuroe is still in front of the door.

"You demon!"

And, she shouted then ran away.

Part 9

"Wolves don't like to take a bath."

Kuroe left for five minutes. Tooya began to think of random thoughts to kill time. Speaking of which, his family dog didn't like bathing very much. It especially hated to soak in the water, maybe she was also like that.

"... Maybe that was too much."

It wouldn't be unreasonable to think so. Tooya didn't hate bathing, and Kuroe didn't want to bath for probably the same reason.

『Master! 』

Suddenly a voice sounded in his head.

『Emergency! 』

It was a very anxious voice. Didn't know what happened Tooya immediately stood up.

“What happened?”

『In short come to the bathroom quickly! 』

After listening to this anxious voice, Tooya immediately rushed out of the room. Rushing down the stairs and head over the changing room and open the door to the bathroom.

“Are you okay!”

And then greeted Tooya's eyes was.

“Master! Eyes, shampoo got into my eyes!”

Kuroe, whose head was full of bubbles, while crying. Although Tooya quickly averted his eyes around, but he'd already seen and imprinted on his brain the distinctive figure of Kuroe naked in the past. And this time Kuroe was full of bubbles... constantly shaking her head.

“... what, your eyes?”

Having calmed down Tooya asked.

“Perhaps, shampoo got into your eyes is an emergency situation?”

“That's right!”

Kuroe with her eyes closed cried.

“This thing called shampoo how is it works?! Made my eyes very painful!”

“This shampoo thing is used like this...”

At this time, Tooya noticed. Kuroe was sealed until this period time, although she knew there's a thing that called shampoo this is the first time she uses it.

Even if you already know how to use it. Sometimes it still can get into your eyes, it's nothing strange it's always happen to everybody. That said.

“Hold still.”

But the great demon wolf Kuroe.

“I can't!”

“No, I say...”

“Cannot do is cannot do! Master has to take responsibility!”

“Responsibility?”

“Master has to help me get rid of this unpleasant shampoo! Master ordered me to take a bath, to master this is a matter of course!”

That's... that's right.

“I can't do that!”

Just imagining it his face had already heated up.

“Why!”

“I just can't do it!”

“I also can't wait here!”

Tooya and Kuroe yelled together. The two of them refused to do what they were requesting to each other...

“... Obviously this is master's order.”

Kuroe cried, then said.

“...Obviously not only I followed master's order to take a bath, but also listened to your words to use shampoo.”

It was a very small quiet voice, if you were not focused you will not able to hear it

“U...”

Tooya failed to respond, just listening to what Kuroe said. Because of what Kuroe said Tooya once again trying to calm down. But still, he couldn't find the answer to response to Kuroe.

“Obviously this is master's fault... but, you don't want to take responsibly?”

Kuroe suddenly said in a lovely voice. This made Tooya forgot for a moment Kuroe was a man-eater.

“Uu... I get it”

Tooya had no choice but to agree.

“... But, I beg you use the towel to wrap around your body. My eyes don't know where to look.”

Tooya who had been looking away from her pleaded. Then Kuroe flashed a puzzled look. It seemed that she wanted to make fun of Tooya like usual, she really doesn't learn doesn't she?.. But because Tooya said he would quickly wash away the shampoo on her hair Kuroe nodded straight away.

“I know.”

That was how it went.

Part 10

“Hmm... after taking a bath the breeze feels good.”

Kuroe was rolling on the bed. After returning from the bathroom Kuroe's mood was surprisingly good.

Having washed off the shampoo, Tooya gave Kuroe an order to finish washing. Tooya looked back from the glass and thought Kuroe would soon be running out, but Kuroe seemed to have bathed for nearly thirty minutes.

"I didn't know originally bathing is so comfortable. This is really a loss."

Kuroe seems to started like bathing little than before

"In this case, let's go to a hot spring next time. Some people had called me before, at that time I didn't know bathing was so comfortable... Master, will you go?"

"... If there's an opportunity."

While answering that Tooya just realized now the room was full of Kuroe's scent. Obviously he already got used to it but that was not the case, the smell that came out directly from her body was just feels different, why the smell that comes out directly from the body has a such a good feeling to it.

But.

"Kuroe ."

"Fum?"

"You should also put some clothes."

Kuroe is currently wearing bath towel, which is not decent. Thanks to this, Tooya didn't know where to put his eyes. The pajama for Kuroe is already there but.

“Don’t wanna! Wearing clothes after bathing is very uncomfortable, and when sleeping it really feels like restraining my body. Even I really want to remove this towel but because I still care for master I tried to put up with it.”

Not good at all.

“... Haa.”

Tooya sighed.

No matter what, after this he didn’t want to force Kuroe to take a bath.

“Hm, night wind is really comfortable.”

Kuroe started to stretch her body pleasurely.

... Well, Kuroe would have to wash herself.

Part 11

A week later, Kuroe had already fitted into class. Maybe because of her appearance and her personality really got along with other classmates, I didn’t know since when Kuroe had become the center of the class.

Then, Tooya who was set up as her fianceé also began to have a subtle line of sight looking here and there... well it was good that no one dare to say anything to me.

But it had been a week. Almost time, they noticed the disappearance of the trio.

“Kamisaki Tooya-kun, right?”

After school, when Tooya was getting out of school, he was suddenly stopped. Rikka wasn't with him as usual, at Tooya's side there was only Kuroe.

"Yes, what's the matter?"

Tooya replied while watching the direction which the sound came. There were two men standing there. It was a middle-aged man and a young man. The one who stopped Tooya was the middle-aged man at the right side. Both wore suits and sunglasses with big and muscular bodies... making other people fear because of the strong intimidating air resonances from their bodies.

"We're the police."

And then the middle-aged man let Tooya see his identity card. Tooya even so didn't waver... he was just thinking 『It finally comes』 .

"There's something that we would like to ask you about, do you have time after this?"

"Ee, no problem."

Tooya replied while looking at Kuroe. She said nothing but just looking from the side.

It seemed Kuroe didn't want to interfere with this talk.

"So, what is it that you want to ask me?"

Tooya asked, pretended to be unaware. Even though Tooya already knew what the other side wanted to ask him about.

"It's about your classmate Esaka Yun-kun."

Well, sure enough it was this.

“You know he didn’t go to school lately?”

“Yes.”

Tooya nodded.

“In fact, he didn’t even go back home, then his family called the police... he isn’t the only missing person. His friends Sato-kun and also Hayashi-kun, the three are missing.”

Well about this matter it’d already spread in school. Even in the weekdays he normally didn’t go to school this fact was already known by many people, at first it wasn’t noticeable but ever since he always skipped school with the three of them it’d become more noticeable, and also at the same time the negative rumour about Tooya also spreaded in school this also brought this case infinitely closer to the truth.

“So, we think you might know something. Do you have any idea?”

The way the police asked made Tooya feel a little bit unhappy. The question that directly asked him was very clearly indicated that he was involved in the case, all the question was making him looked fishy and they certainly were making him the culprit behind the three missing people... Although their intention was to provoke him, but this was too explicit.

“I don’t know anything.”

Tooya replied unwavering

“They seem to have gone missing since June 25th, didn’t you see them that day?”

“I saw Ensaka-kun in classroom.”

“And after school?”

“ ... ”

How to answer this question Tooya was confused for a moment. Should he answer not see them? Or just tell them the truth. If I answer I didn't them it would only make me more suspicious, but if I don't tell the truth I will be taking into custody and if they have intelligence department I would be interrogated why I made that lie.

“I didn't see them.”

The result, Tooya denied.

“Hm, I see.”

The policeman tilted his head.

“But it's funny... that day someone saw you walking with them.”

That were disconnected, Tooya heart was now very shaken... but Tooya didn't show it. Because the encounter with Kuroe, His heart had been fully exercised.

“Isn't that wrong person?”

“Well, that possibility is exist too... but we'd already confirmed it by the photo with him.”

The Intelligent department had already known everything to this point. They just were waiting for Tooya to confess for himself. The police didn't understand the situation in this case and judging from another perspective, Tooya was the only one who associated with those three missing people.

“Are you suspecting me now?”

Even if the police really didn't say it directly.

“No no, no such things. We just want to understand the situation.”

The police exaggeratedly shook his head... Tooya was thinking about what to do. Now he was just hoping that the person beside the middle-aged man wouldn't ask such a question too. About lying, if he didn't want to be questioned, then just tell the truth. Just say 『Indeed I met them, but after saying goodbye I don't know) 』 was good... well as long they didn't have evidence they couldn't do anything to me at all. After all the three were eaten by Kuroe, the evidence of disappearance and homicide was completely non-existent.

But, at the same time Tooya also thought of. It's okay to say everything that happened... But, Tooya also understood that this wasn't something people would believe. But the Youkai in question (Kuroe) were already here, this could prove it... Tooya thought maybe let them fight against the youkai, if it's the police maybe they they can do something about it.

In the end which answer is the correct one, Tooya could only make his own judgement. Although the second answer about letting them know about Kuroe's existence was the correct one, as a person there was no way Tooya could let the police handle this kind of dangerous youkai, the risk was too great.

“Umm...”

This time they didn't finish.

Snapped.

He didn't finish what he wanted to say this was like something had hold them and deliberately concealed something that he was about to say. Under this the voice two policemen face expressions became blank.

“Masters is worrying too much!”

At this point Kuroe deliberately intervened between them before something big happen.

“Obviously I was around, you don’t need to answer these annoying questions.”

Kukuku, Kuroe laughed. It was an expression of knowing everything, at this point Tooya couldn’t say anything.

“Totally, I could quickly solve this.”

Kuroe stared at the two policeman.

“Kamisaki Tooya had nothing to do with the disappearance of the three men.”

“Not... related.”

The two policemen were just like his parents, with blank faces repeated after Kuroe.

“Kamisaki Tooya is not at all suspicious.”

“Not... suspicious.”

“So you will go back immediately.”

“Go back... immediately.”

Snapped

Kuroe clapped her hands. Then the eyes of the policemen returned to normal.

“... Etou, thank you for the information provided. We almost have to go back to the police station. Thank you very much for your cooperation.”

The police said suddenly, then left. Although Tooya had seen Kuroe's magic, but the effect was unbelievable.

"In short this is good enough, says... Master."

Kuroe moved her gaze from the departing policeman to Tooya.

"What is it."

"I need permission to get a free time."

"... Why?"

"In order to clean up this matter."

"... Clean up?"

"That's right."

Kuroe nodded.

"In short the police here is no problem, but this alone cannot end this thing. So I'm going to go all out to solve this case. And of course I promise not to eat anyone."

"..."

Tooya had no choice, Tooya could give only one answer.

"Okay."

Tooya agreed. Then Kuroe laughed.

"Well then, I'll be right back... probably at dinner time."

After that Kuroe left with fast motion.

At this point Tooya could only watch after Kuroe.

Part 12

“I’m back, master.”

Kuroe came back when the sun had set, about seven o’clock.

“... Go in by the front door.”

Kuroe didn’t come in from the front door but from the window. Even though his parents had already affected with her magic, he was hopping that Kuroe would act bit more normal without raising suspicious to his parent in case something happen.

“That’s too much trouble.”

Kuroe replied immediately.

“This, is an order. Go in by the front door.”

“... Hm, understood.”

The sound of Kuroe’s reply was slightly mixed with displeasure. Although Kuroe could be known by other people through her behaviors and looks, but we couldn’t rule out the possibility she would do something that couldn’t be expected from her.

“But if in the emergency situation can I go from the window?”

“If it is an emergency.”

Now wasn’t an emergency.

“Since it’s the master’s order, I understood... well, next is the report.”

Kuroe said with a look of displeasure.

“I’ve solved everything. The police will no longer doubt master in the future, they even won’t start a search for the trio’s missing... although, there is no

way to eliminate the spreading rumors. Well, anyway the evaluation of the three is usually bad, certainly it will soon be forgotten.”

“...”

Tooya didn't say anything about the report. It must be the same with Kuroe. The three were not very good presence in school. Well for the other student in the school this wasn't a bad thing. So they'd be forgotten in about a month.

Although it might take some time, but Tooya's rumors should also disappear.

“What happened?”

Kuroe looked at Tooya. Suddenly, he remembered the story of the monkey's pawn. The desire isn't been granted in a peaceful way but by a brutal way. He didn't hope to live a peaceful life, but he didn't also expect to be able to do so like this. This was too sudden, and basically had nothing to do with his will. Well, it was also a lie if he said he didn't want to retaliate to them. It was hard to say but the monkeys paw grants the wishes by doing something in the way that you don't want to, and then what awaits in the end is always destruction.

“...Nothing.”

“Hm, really... ah anyway, master.”

Kuroe seems to suddenly remembered something.

“Isn't it the time for paying me the price that I ask from forming a contract with master?”

Tooya's heart jumped violently. It wasn't that he forgot about it... Just, didn't want to think about it. The price of the contract was to let Kuroe eat

someone. However he would make the choice to go and kill that someone, the truth is his mind wasn't ready for this kind of things.

"Still... there is still time, right?"

"Hm, there is indeed."

Kuroe nodded. There were indeed three weeks.

"I only said this for master's good."

"Why did you say that..?"

"Well I don't want master to have regret not choosing carefully despite the times given."

Said Kuroe as if gripping Tooya heart.

"After all, life is choice."

Kukuku then Kuroe smiled.

"There's still a time please make a good decision without regret master."

After that Kuroe left the room for dinner. Obviously she's a man-eater, but still takes normal meal.

"... My, choice."

Now Tooya alone in his room groaning as if saying "the times wasn't enough" that was obvious for him, but he very much wanted to escape from reality, Although Kuroe's advice was correct. As her said, if he kept on avoiding this problem he would regret it. If the decision hadn't been made in time and by just imagining all of that was horrible. Taking Kuroe's character, she certainly would follow his order to eat that person.

"Choice, there is no choice."

However, choose someone for Kuroe to eat... that is the same as killing them brutally. This was no doubt that he had never experienced, after going this far he didn't think even a bit about this.

You in the end can you make a decision about life and death of the other person?

Part 13

"Is there any trouble?"

Suddenly on the way to school that's the first thing that Rikka said to get Tooya attention.

"Nothing."

"Liar."

As if already knew that Tooya was lying she answered without hesitation. Kuroe's advice had already arrived for a week, Tooya basically couldn't sleep at all at night just thinking about that. Probably because Rikka always watching him, she knew Tooya has become more and more tired in the morning as they walked to school.

"I'm not lying."

But Tooya could only answer this at all. It was impossible to say to Rikka that he wanted to decide who Kuroe would eat, and that make him can't rest properly at night .

"You're lying."

Well, Tooya's lies didn't work on Rikka.

"Nee, Oogami-san. Do you know anything?"

Because there was no result, so Rikka changed the spearhead.. asking to the main reason.

“I’m sorry, I don’t know either.”

Shamelessly Kuroe pretended not know the answer. As Tooya imagined Kuroe already smiling mischievously. Kuroe was his trouble in the first place, and always seems to be happy seeing him troubled.

As a result, Tooya was being worried for a week. Choose a person for her to eat, it’s the same as killing them. So in this week he's always thinking who’s the person that he want to kill in the end.

Family members was the first one to excluded. In this case, there was only those who he hadn’t met. But if there was dead people they would be noticed already. So killing criminal was the best option. Then Tooya went surfing on the internet to find the information about all the criminals around Japan. Kuroe once said that even overseas didn’t matter, but the downside is that it could take a little bit of time to taken care off, so the object would be selected in the country so he can make sure Kuroe didn’t do something unexpected, he doesn’t want Kuroe leave his sight.

The crime of the criminals that Tooya found was extremely heavy. But still that doesn’t mean he should ignore what crime they committed and choose blindly he must also understand what crime was that they did. So he also chose a more serious crime, the contents of most of them were quite miserable.

... Even so, Tooya couldn’t make a choice. They were the criminals who were despised. But there was no need to kill all of them. He really didn’t reach this point... Kuroe’s price was only one person.

But, Tooya couldn't choose this individual. Even if they're criminals but to decide their own ways of life and death, is this really okay... this idea had been entrenched in his mind.

"Tooya-kun, are you alright?"

Suddenly Rikka looked at Tooya worriedly.

"Aa, it's nothing."

Tooya smiled strongly... and, found out the they already reached in school.

"We're gotten close to school so let's part this way I'll go over there."

"Un."

Rikka nodded... and stopped her feet.

"... Etou, Rikka?"

"Un."

"Why don't you go first?"

Rikka should be able to understand that this meant for her to first go.

"Because, I'm worried about Tooya-kun."

".. You really have a big heart, so go ahead."

But Rikka didn't move.

"Rikka, We made an agreement."

"... But, the reason for the agreement is now gone."

Rikka looked rather hesitant, even so she still said it out.

"Ensaka-kun they, are gone..."

Tooya felt the words like pricking into his heart.

“Go quickly.”

“Eh?”

Rikka looked puzzled at Tooya... but Tooya didn't face her, because, he doesn't want to see Rikka's face.

“Fine fine, hurry.”

“... Un.”

Rikka nodded helplessly, she looked back several times while walking.

“That was too much, master.”

Kukuku, Kuroe laughed at the side.

“That girl didn't do anything wrong.”

As Kuroe said Rikka didn't do anything wrong. But, he didn't want her to say so.

“You also should go quickly.”

Tooya said as if blaming... then Kuroe laughed.

“If this is master's order.”

She smiled and walked to school.

“.. Shit.”

Looking at Kuroe ,Tooya mumbled.

Part 14

... Tooya suddenly woke up in the middle of the night. The room didn't turn on the lights of course. Clearly he woke up at midnight but his consciousness

was very clear, then he looked around. Soon he realized the one should be here had gone, yes she was gone, Kuroe was gone. Tooya tried to move to the space on the other side of his bed that should be occupied as her bed. There's a few blanket and pillow, but its very clear as a day that the owner wasn't here.

“... Kuro, e?”

Tooya cried. But Kuroe wasn't there.

“Hm, do you call me, master?”

But contrary to Tooya's expectation, there was a response. The sound passed from the opened window into the room... at the same time some kind of smell spread in. He'd already known what kind of smell was it, Tooya still couldn't think of anything. As if his head rejecting that this smell was the same as from the body from that previous incident.

“Where, are you... ?”

Tooya tried to speak out.

“Where, a little nearby.”

A pair of golden eyes that shone brightly in the darkness

“Without asking me, you went out..?”

Kuroe shouldn't be allowed to leave without permission.

“That's right.”

Kuroe immediately replied.

“Because this is part of the pact.”

Then Kuroe smiled.

“Says, master... what’s the date today?”

Being told by Kuroe, he looked at the watch. It was now three in the morning, then in other words the date has changed.

“Then... what’s the date today?”

Tooya noticed the meaning of this sentence, his whole back became cold.

“Ju, July... 1, st.”

Tooya could only issue a voice as small as mosquitoes sound... then she once again laughed.

“If so, master should’ve known where I’d gone to?”

The moonlight shone on her. At that time, her whole body is stained with a bright red fluid. The smell from it is enough to make his head felt dizzy.

“Who... is, it..?”

After listening to Tooya’s question, Kuroe revealed a smile.

“I said it?”

Kuroe replied slowly.

“I went to the vicinity.”

Tooya could only think of one place at this time.

Tooya couldn’t scream out what’s going on in his head.

Part 15

“! ?”

Tooya suddenly found himself in the classroom. He seemed to be in class now. After confirming this Tooya heaved a sigh of relief.

“A, a dream...”

It seemed to be only a dream. This dream was terrible, seemed that he was very afraid of this result. So he saw this in the form of a nightmare, this also could be viewed as a future that could happen. Just thinking about this already make Tooya felt a chill on his back. Well the fortunate thing was that this was only a dream and there was still a way to prevent this from becoming a reality. If something like this happened it would definitely attract people’s attention.

“... Haa.”

Tooya sighed. Actually falling asleep in class, as the recent lack of sleep was probably the reason for it... but there was more than one reason for his lack of sleep. The thought that if he gone sleep he would see that incident again in his dream.

『You don’t look very good... are you okay, master? 』

Suddenly a voice sounded in his head it was Kuroe. Speaking of which she could use telepathy. But at such times, that proved that she noticed he was asleep.

“... Evil funny guy.”

Tooya quietly said.

『That’s too much, master. I’m obviously only worry about master. 』

It was just lip service, he turned around and he found Kuroe laughing. She’d probably seen that he had a nightmare.

『Master, don't make such a weird face... Isn't that girl worrying about you?』

After hearing her, He looked at Rikka. She was peeking at the side with a worried expression. If we weren't in class, she would definitely come over here to ask about his condition. In other words she also found he was strange.

『Kukuku, Master is always being worried by girls. 』

And Kuroe also counted herself into it. He really want to curse Kuroe. 『You're obviously making fun of me』 .

『Well, no matter what the faster you choose the better. 』

Kuroe said as if warning.

『If you did so, worries or anything, nightmares and what not would gone. 』

That should be... Right? Before the nightmare become reality.

“... I understand.”

Even, Tooya still couldn't make a choice.

Part 16

Rikka had making worried face all the time, while Kuroe was laughing at this scene, As Tooya walking home on the road his step suddenly become much more heavier and harder. Obviously he wanted to sleep incredibly, but because of fear of nightmare and he couldn't sleep. Kuroe still around him this state only heightened his mind so he chased Kuroe out of the room for tonight, even so he couldn't sleep.

No other way, he had to turn on the TV to get rid of the sleepiness. It seemed to be broadcasting news now. There was nothing particularly he wanted to see so Tooya was blankly staring at the TV. The content basically didn't go to his brain, he was just listening to it.

"... Defendant Mihara Seiwa, has been sentenced to death. The defendant Mihara was indicted for killing an unnamed child in March last year..."

Although only a little piece of information went to Tooya's ears. On the TV screen appeared the face of defendant a middle-aged man. After that the news also talked about how the crimes was committed by this man and how the grief that the family whose child had been lost.

"... Enough, this is just right."

Since this man was going to die, then it wouldn't matter.

"Kuroe."

"Master, you call me?"

Kuroe immediately came to Tooya's side.

"This guy, I decided."

"Hm, really. I know."

Kuroe nodded.

After Kuroe confirmed, Tooya's consciousness was gone.

Part 17

Until he recovered the room had been dark. Probably he fell asleep when the room became dark, Tooya looked at the clock and found that the date had

changed. The reason why this happened probably because of the recent accumulation of a lot of fatigue. Anyways he couldn't sleep with an empty stomach. As he was slowly getting up suddenly, Tooya noticed.

“... Kuroe?”

Not here. Kuroe wasn't here. Her bed is currently empty. He thought with his head that just woke up from slumber with a sober breath. Because this and the day in the school dream scenario repeated. So he panicky opened the window. He looked at the house next door beside his house, in short it seemed to have no commotion.

“Then, where...”

Tooya suddenly remembered.

So is it a really right choice to make?

At the that time while he's thinking hard

Gacha.

“I'm back.”

From the window of the room Tooya saw Kuroe coming back and in her hand there was some object that he couldn't see clearly what it was. Because she didn't come in from the window, but very ordinary from the front door, so at the beginning because of the room was too dark. He thought Kuroe was holding a watermelon but in the reality that obviously wasn't possible.

“... Ah! ?”

But he wasn't that stupid as to be completely unaware of what it was, when he found out the truth, he couldn't even say a word.

“The person chosen by master, I really ate it.”

Kuroe said the unexpected words.

“But although it is eaten but master didn’t see that... But if I was asked in the end whether I had eaten it or not it would be troublesome, so I brought the evidence back.”

That kind of thing, obviously not needed.

“See.”

Kuroe hold out her hand.

He was sincerely glad that now was late at night. Even if he subconsciously rejected what he about to see, if there was light he’d see it .

... She didn’t let him get away.

“Hm, so dark you can’t see it.”

『Not able to see is good』 He couldn’t say this sentence.

Gacha

Kuroe turned on the light switch.

“Hii..!”

The object that was illuminated by the ambient light was what he imagined. If what he guessed was right nobody would happy seeing it, it would be better if his guess was wrong in the first place.

“This is the one master chose?”

This should be clearly Mihara Seiwa. With his eyes wide open and the whole face wasdistorted, even one could see it was the same face as in the TV

screen. So this was undoubtedly the price of Kuroe as the choice of mankind to sacrifice. This thing, Tooya looked apologetic.

“Aah... is this the person you asked?”

Tooya could only nod.

“Hm, then this doesn't needed.”

After that Kuroe opened her mouth wide. Even though her mouth was wide, it was not at the size where she could devour a full size head directly.

Then Tooya felt shaken quite a bit

Gushari

With this chilling sound that head disappeared. Closing her mouth and licking her lips she deliberately let him see it the moment she devour the head, what happened he didn't even want to think.

“I did receive the payment contract, I'll be looking forward for the next month, master.”

Then Kuroe returned to her bed and shrunk to the blanket. Motionless, it seemed that she really fell asleep.

But, these things to Tooya now simply didn't matter.

Tooya now, only regret about it.

“ ... ”

... You should choose.

Obviously you should choose.

On this matter, Kuroe's advice was clearly right.

“ ... ”

Tooya had no choice. He had been troubling how to choose, just because the accidental news, he casually chose the target.

So Tooya didn't have any feelings for him.

Be it hatred,

Be it despise,

Be it angered,

There was nothing.

Obviously nothing... but he died.

“Uu.”

Tooya was trembling. He knew of him just a few hours ago by his face from the TV screen. But that expression in Tooya mind couldn't be eliminated. It was a face full of fear. He was very afraid at that moments when death appeared before him and all this was Tooya's fault.

Hating him would be nice.

Despising him would be nice.

Angry at him would be nice.

If so, Tooya certainly wouldn't regret it. He would certainly laugh and say 『Serve you right, bastard』 .

But Tooya didn't have any sympathy with him, he chose him with a sleepy eyes. Fatigue couldn't be used as an excuse anymore because the dead could no longer hear the words of others. Only, random.. killing a person just like trampling an ant, this alone was a fact couldn't be changed.

Tooya certainly knew he was a convict... but, that was all he knew, nothing other than that. If this was the reason for hatred, for him it was too little.

Tooya wasn't a killer.

Nor a hero of justice that can verdict a sentence of death to other people.

Because Tooya was just an ordinary person without any right to do such a thing, this was a fact that no one could deny and it felt heavy for him to do this despite being only an ordinary person. If the target was those who beating Tooya, Ensaka-kun and his friend, Tooya could use this as an excuse for self-protection, but still he didn't expect to actually kill them in such manners. Such an excuse could also be said.

But this wasn't the same. Because the chosen will die, Tooya was very clear knowing that.

“Ua...”

So Tooya made a moan. Covered his mouth and issued a moan.

Tooya could only, do this.

Part 18

The building was surrounded by high walls. There was a man standing there.

“I came as a precaution... didn't expect to actually hit the spot.”

The man mumbled.

“It can enter without alerting a highly-guarded place and no one noticed this, and left the same way as it in. It takes a powerful level of youkai to able to do this kind of thing”

The man stared at the wall.

“This one... maybe it is really dangerous.”

The man said, while taking out a notebook from his side pocket.

“According to historical records left behind... this does have a chance.”

Chapter 3: The Affair Between Him and His Childhood Friend x Man-eater

Part 1

"Okay, let's go play together."

Suddenly. On the way home after school, Tooya, Rikka, and also Kuroe, as the three started walking home together, Rikka suddenly said so. That "Un", what was going on, Although Tooya didn't understand what was going on since Rikka's face didn't show that sign.

"Say... I haven't been to the amusement park for a long time."

Rikka said as she tilted her head thinking about something.

"I didn't said that I will go too you know."

Obviously he didn't say he'd go.

"You definitely wanted to go."

Rikka asserted. Then Tooya immediately answered.

"I can't go."

"Why?"

"... .. I'm not in the mood."

The things before were still in Tooya's mind. Even though he looked just fine in front of Rikka, when he was alone Tooya would always be trembling. Because that thing just happened in front of his own eyes that he couldn't shake those feelings yet.

"But, you will go too right?"

But Rikka didn't even flinch for a moment. There was no hesitation on her face.

"A--, seriously, I don't want to."

Tooya strengthened his tone. Usually Tooya wouldn't talk to Rikka using this angry tone, But Tooya's mind was still unstable at this moment.

"... .. You won't, go?"

"Aa."

Tooya nodded. Watching Rikka who was about to cry Tooya felt a little bit sad, but he couldn't be soft-hearted.

"In the first place, there is no reason I had to go."

"There is."

Rikka immediately replied.

"You're always lying. Tooya-kun lied to me."

"Eh?"

Rikka suddenly let out such words which made Tooya opened his mouth surprisingly.

"Before, you clearly said that I can come to your house to play."

"Ah."

Tooya forgot. He has completely forgotten. It was true that there was such an agreement. But there were a lot of things went on... ..that Tooya'd completely forgotten.

"Liar."

"Urgh."

"Liar."

"Urgh argh..."

His heart felt like being pierced. He couldn't argue with Rikka anymore, it made Tooya felt a strong sense of guilt in his heart.

"To the amusement park, you'll go right?"

"... .. I'll go."

Tooya could only say that. That moment Rikka face suddenly brightened up after hearing it. And then she looked to Kuroe.

"Oogami-san,so you want to come too?"

"Eh."

Tooya couldn't help but uttered a sound... But Rikka didn't care. Kuroe showed a thinking face after being asked, then she nodded.

"Yes, if you invite me I will go too."

For Tooya, although he wanted to say 『Don't come』 but he couldn't do so in front of Rikka. And if Kuroe didn't come along, it meant that Kuroe would be free at that time, so he could only go with Kuroe..

"Actually, I haven't been to an amusement park."

"Eh, really!?"

Rikka was quite surprised.As far as Tooya knew in his mind Kuroe certainly hadn't been to an amusement park before. For Kuroe she could use her Far-Sight magic too learn about modern culture, but because she was sealed so there was no way to actually experience it.

"If so then you must go. Are you busy this Sunday?"

"Yeah, no problem."

Kuroe nodded and smiled.

... .. This smile made Tooya quite uneasy, but Tooya had no other way.

Part 2

'Schedule is completed.'

Tooya shut the computer. About tomorrow and Rikka. Even though he'd already been to the amusement park for many times, he still checked the schedule of opening time and closing time for that amusement park to prevent misschedules in their activity and also to check the facility they had for visitors. But it seemed they have more rides than before.

In contrast with Tooya, Kuroe did nothing to prepare just as usual.

"Nn, does master want to watch TV?"

Kuroe seemed very interesting in watching TV looked at Tooya and asked. Tooya is someone who goes to watch TV when he has nothing to do, but Kuroe was very interested in the TV and as long as she was free she would sit in front of the TV.

"Um."

Juya replied to Kuroe without looking away.

"Don't watch too late... We'll go out with Rikka tomorrow."

Although Tooya thought Kuroe wouldn't stay up late watching TV and couldn't get up the next day.

"Ahh I know. I can just record it."

"... .. Record?"

"Uhm."

Kuroe nodded.

"You, can already use the video function...?"

"Is master treating me as a fool?"

Tooya was just surprised. Generally speaking this ancient monster shouldn't know the use of the latest electronic equipment.

"... .. Then, what are you recording?"

"Lunchtime TV series."

"Hah?"

Kuroe pressed the play button beside Tooya who was stunned.

Accompanied with a BGM the show that already aired before starting to play on the TV. The content of the recorded show was about TV Drama that had very complicated story. It was really hard to tell who was the husband, wife, lovers and the rest didn't matter.

"Because I must go to school everyday that I can only watch the recorded one."

Although this was the case.

"... .. Do you like this one?"

"It's very interesting."

Kuroe answered bluntly. From the beginning Kuroe had been smiling... To be honest watching Kuroe grinning like that gave Tooya a chill. Unknowingly

Tooya began watching it too, but the content was too murderous, so that was why she took a liking to this TV show.

"I ask again... this is interesting?"

In the TV screen there was a woman holding a knife while chasing someone maybe it was her husband's lover, maybe her husband was having an affair. Although the husband desperately tried to stop her, but completely passed into her deaf ears.

"Very interesting isn't it?"

A direct hit! The knife was sunk into her husband's body who was trying to protect his lovers.

"This afternoon drama that depicts the love and hate between many people is very interesting. Humans are very simple creatures and they will betray the others for their own safety."

"Aa, is that so..."

"The woman who got stabbed by the knife is the wife's best friend, but after she found out that she's having an affair with her husband, she got furious. Well, how can I say this is that it's her friend's fault for having an affair with her best friend's husband and it isn't the husband's fault."

"... .."

Seeing Kuroe said that much it should feel quite interesting. In the TV screen showed after the wife stabbed her best friend, the husband who tried to stop her in order to refrain her insanity got stabbed too. Leaving the bleeding wife's best friend and the husband she tried to escape in fear, after that she was shouting her husband name in regret of what she'd just done... Really, just call an ambulance!

"This, in the end how many episodes have you recorded?"

"This one was recorded in one week, so there are five episodes."

".... If you want to watch it then put on the headphones, I want to sleep."

"Understood."

Kuroe nodded and turned away, Tooya heaved a small sigh. And then went to bed, at this point.

"Master."

Tooya was stopped by Kuroe.

"... .. What is it."

"Don't worry, I won't betray master."

Then, Kuroe smiled as always.

"... .. I hope so."

What comes next in the TV drama was that the husband seems to be saved, when her best friend seemed pregnant, after knowing this the wife stabbed her best friend - the lovers in the stomach.

TV drama this day is so boring.

Part 3

Then dawn comes.

"Ehehe, good morning."

It was a good time for going out, but Rikka was already waiting at the door of Tooya's house. Rikka wasn't wearing her usual school uniform but a cute

outfit. It was an elegant dress. Well how do I put it in words, this dress was quite ordinary, but quite suitable for the petite and childish Rikka.

"Yes, good morning."

Tooya's face naturally smiled... But it was just an instant.

"Good morning."

Tooya heard the sound coming from behind and his expression immediately darkened. He got the feeling this going out play wasn't gonna end well.

"Oogami-san good morning."

"Morning."

Kuroe responded with a smile. Although Tooya didn't want to admit it that much, Rikka and Kuroe seemed to have quiet good relationship with each other. Mentally younger than Rikka, Kuroe who walked beside Rikka looked almost like a sibling but that was only on the surface. The fact Tooya didn't understand what Kuroe wanted to do made him very concerned.

"I'm really looking forward to today."

"Ee, me too."

However, in order not to break Rikka's mood, Tooya had no way but to cooperate. If Kuroe saw Rikka's sad expression, Tooya would have found a way to deal with it. In the end Tooya couldn't make 『Hate Rikka』 such kind of order. Because Tooya didn't want to see Rikka hurt by Kuroe's hate.

"What does Oogami-san want to ride first?"

"Well.... I want to try that so called roller coaster first."

"Right, this is a common sense. The roller coaster on this amusement park is very big, I'm sure Oogami-san will be satisfied."

"Really, that really makes me look forward to it."

"And there are many others..."

Sure Rikka had a happy expression but it was also mixed with complicated feelings, Tooya took a look at his cellphone. If they didn't go now they will miss the train.

"It's almost time to leave."

Tooya spoke.

"Yeah."

"Ah, you're right."

Kuroe responded with a smile.

A morning like this would obviously make anyone happy.

Part 4

The amusement park was packed with people. Although it was a small city amusement park but the scale was also quite big, amusement facilities are also were adequate. Although the size of this small amusement park had been closed down, hut there should be no problem now.

"So this is the amusement park."Kuroe said after looking around the park.

From Kuroe's sight she was very interested in the amusement park. Although Kuroe had been using far-sight eyes to look at the outside world, seeing it sure enough wasn't the same as this.

"So many people."

"Because today is Sunday."

Rikka who answered Kuroe's question probably didn't see it, from Tooya's point of view he could see Kuroe's lips slightly curved up. I took back my words. To Kuroe, a crowded place is a feeding ground. Though the school also had many people but it couldn't be compared to now. Seeing this Kuroe felt excited, well this wasn't surprising anymore.

"We should walk around first?"

Since this was Kuroe first time coming here, Rikka made such a proposal.

"No need, in the first place we don't have many chances to come here so we'd better have a blast time and go play. There are a lot of people, if we don't hurry and get in line we might have to wait a long time."

"Yes, you're right."

Rikka answered as she trotted closer and held Tooya's hand.

"Here, Tooya-kun let's go too?"

"Eh, aa."

Tooya startled when he got touched by Rikka hands.

"Come on hurry."

Don't know when, but Tooya's other hand was also held by Kuroe.

"No, wait a bit... Ah."

『People are looking at us』 ... As this sentence was about to leave Tooya's mouth he was being dragged by the two. He couldn't shake up Rikka's hand just like that, so he had to let them pull him forward.

"Etou, Rikka... ?"

Holding hand while walking in the end just like in primary school. This was really too embarrassing to being seen in this state, in this case it was the two person who were holding his hand.

『If master desires so? 』

Tooya who heard that sound shook his head. At this time it was hard to maintain a poker face. Although this had been very embarrassing... ..But in this case, it was even more embarrassing.

"Master is really innocent."

Kuroe said it directly from her mouth. 'Kukuku' as Kuroe laughed.



『Leave me alone』 , Tooya whispered.

Part 5

Happy time always flies very fast, without knowing it was already noon. Needless to say Rikka must be very happy, Tooya felt that yesterday's depression slowly melted as he had a fun with the rides at the amusement park. Well, surely Tooya himself also wanted to forget it.

Then Kuroe... ..

"Kuroe... .. Do you feel happy today?"

Tooya asked Kuroe while sitting at the table for lunch. Rikka just went to buy lunch, so now there was only Tooya and Kuroe. There was a lot of people at this hour so Rikka definitely would come back late.

"Of course, I'm very happy."

Kuroe smiled. But Kuroe and a normal human happiness wasn't the same?

"In fact, it's almost the same."

Said Kuroe who had read Tooya's thinking.

"For example, that roller coaster thing is quite interesting."

"Hee..."

What a surprise.

"That sort of funny toy, could make the humans let out that wretched lament was really very interesting."

"From your physical abilities it seems that kind of attraction really make you have a fun with it."

Tooya felt a helpless sigh. Roller Coasters are created so we can experience thrilling adventurer-feeling from it as a human, but for a sealed monster then it wasn't thrilling enough for them.

"There are others... That thing called the haunted house."

"Haunted house?"

Tooya was quite surprised. This kind of thing should be mocking for Kuroe right? Even though Tooya knew it was a haunted house it didn't affect him anymore because he had a real monster right beside him.

"Although the appearance of the ghost and monster isn't what it's supposed to be that it's quite funny. But it also feels nostalgic"

"Nostalgic."

So Kuroe was sealed hundreds of years ago, but Tooya didn't know the exact time. In the Edo period they shouldn't have something that is called a haunted house, but was there no haunted house before in that era that he didn't know.

"Ah, master I didn't mean that."

Having sensed Tooya's thought Kuroe said.

"What I miss is not a haunted house... But it's original."

Original...origin. The Origin of the Haunted House...

"Yes, I miss the youkais inside."

"They really... .. existed?"

"This is of course right?"

Tooya was underestimating Kuroe. But then Kuroe in front of him was indeed a youkai. Tooya didn't think that there were the other real things that he can only call all of this as stupid.

"Before I was sealed, there were a lot of youkais. Where human gathered it went without saying that the mountain near where human gathered was the place the youkais wandered. In the haunted house there were so many youkai I've seen before, so it makes me feel a bit nostalgic. Well, there were also youkai that I don't know, an existence that is really not worthy of creation."

Even today there were many rumors about appearances of monsters everywhere. These were probably all real.

If that was the case...

"So.. even now there's still a monster roaming in this world?"

The reason for this question was because Tooya couldn't understand very well what Kuroe was saying to this point. Although Kuroe said there were many youkais who still existed in this world, but in this era period, Tooya has never seen any of them besides Kuroe. In this modern period, the existences of the youkai were only fictions that appear based on people's imagination. In the end he couldn't understand the true meaning of the youkais.

"Nope."

Kuroe answered.

"But the world is really unclear to me,at least Japan has no youkai other than me."

Kuroe asserted.

"...Why is that?"

Tooya could only ask why.

"Because they had been eliminated."

Kuroe said lightly.

"All had been eliminated..."

"Hundreds of years ago the emperor issued a monster sweeping order, which was an order to destroy all youkai in Japan. All of the exorcists were being called from other nations to fully exorcist all of us, you could literally say that it was a full extermination, so now in Japan, apart from me there's no youkai left."

'What was the reason for the elimination', this wasn't a question that is needed to be asked. Because youkais would bring disaster to humans. According to the legend, there maybe that also existed as good youkais. But since it was said as a full extermination, even until the root of all of it those youkais must have been completely eliminated too.

"... .. So why Kuroe hasn't been eliminated?"

"Because I was sealed in the same period."

"Right, I see."

Speaking of which Kuroe was sealed... ..However, being eliminated and sealed is very different. Elimination means completely dead but by being sealed, there's a chance that it can be unsealed and make a comeback.

"Well, many things happened."

Kuroe looks like she had seen through Tooya's doubts and said it. So Tooya began to think about what to do... Should he command Kuroe to spit out all the thing she still kept secret from him .

"Sorry, there were so many people so it took a bit more time!"

Suddenly Rikka who had lunch on both hands was back... ...There seems to be no time to ask Kuroe.

"... ... One day if the opportunity arises. I will tell you."

Kuroe whispered. Strangely Kuroe mouth isn't moving at all.

Part 6

It was already afternoon that time had passed quickly. As they played in the amusement park when it was almost evening, they should feel tired right now. Even so Tooya didn't feel very tired, but because Rikka said she was a little bit tired Tooya tried to make her sit on nearby bench, while Kuroe who had physical strengths like a monster has, was still full of energy and ran off to play another. Tooya had ordered Kuroe not to attack anyone, there should be no problem now.

"Are you okay?"

"Yes, I'm okay!"

Answered Rikka with full vigor like this morning.

"I'm just a bit tired so I only need to rest for a while."

"... ... No, I think we should go back already."

"It's no good."

Rikka immediately rejected. But her face immediately became gloomy.

"Tooya-kun... wants to go back?"

Rikka seemed very worried and asked.

"Nope, there is no such thing."

Although he offered to go back but Tooya didn't hate staying here. Tooya just felt that, if Rikka felt tired then they should better go back.

"Quite interesting."

"Really?"

"Yeah."

He wasn't lying.

"I see, that's great."

Rikka showed a relieved expression.

"If Tooya-kun doesn't feel interested then it would be boring."

"... .. Is that so."

Eh, what does it mean, Tooya pondered. However, there was no need to ask. No matter how dense Tooya is, he wasn't that stupid not to understand the meaning of it. Well, normally Tooya wouldn't do these kinds of thing so. She did this because Rikka thinks of others more than herself.

"Thank you."

So Tooya frankly thanked her.

"Eh... ..yeah."

Rikka smiled shyly. This expression, Tooya was unconsciously fascinated by it.

"What happened?"

Asked Rikka.

"Nothing, it's almost time to go."

Tooya said as if to cover up his feelings.

"Eh, Yeah! You're right!"

Rikka rose immediately after answering.

"First let's go find Kuroe-san!"

Rikka ran up like that...

"You suddenly running up is very dangerous..."

Without have time to tell Rikka that.

"Kya!?"

Rikka bumped into someone in front who suddenly appeared.

"I'm sorry!"

From the other side it seemed apologizing wouldn't do any good.

"That hurts like hell!"

Suddenly yelling like that with a distorted face in the amusement park. Of course the owner of that voice wasn't very pleased for what just happened. That kind of face are normally normal people wouldn't want to have a contact eye in the first place. It was a face that had the trace of scars, his neck was wearing a gold chain and a brass knuckle on his hand no matter how you look at it, it was a street thug.

"I, I'm sorry...!"

Rikka apologize again and again.

"You think apologizing is enough huh?"

Tooya felt apologizing was the best thing to do. But in this case it didn't seem to work. Although this kind of thing might occur, but why it must happen now, why this people had to appear at this time. Whether it was with a girl or a family who came here this kind of people wasn't unforgiving like normal people do. This wasn't a place for this kind of people to come wasn't it in a common sense I mean?

"Then, then what would be good?"

"That's depends on what you can do for me girl."

But, now was not the time to think of this kind of thing... ..To quickly help Rikka, Tooya got close to the two.

"Sorry, excuse me."

Tooya got in between the two.

"Tooya-kun!"

"Who are you?"

"Her friend."

Tooya wasn't afraid to answer. Tooya, of course, was also very afraid of such people, but Tooya has this kind of courage only when in front of Rikka.

"Although you bumping unto us wasn't right ... she still apologized. So could you forgive her?"

Tooya solemnly apologized. While the other's attitude was very bad...but it was their own wrong doing in the first place.

"So that's what it is ..."

The man said while grinning. At that time when the wind started blowing, he could smell alcohol from him. Although his face wasn't red, this man seemed drunk.

"I'll forgive her if that lady is with me for the time being."

The dirty man laughed. The answer was too cliched, it's always like that.

"That's too much. After all she just bumped you a little bit, she already apologized so couldn't you just forgive her already? "

"N, No... "

The man's attention hadn't left in Rikka.

"That was only a little bump so what's the harm?"

Tooya couldn't help but tell the truth. But that words to be used against a drunker was quite bad. "What, are you blaming me?"

"Eh, no, I don't mean that..."

"What a joke!"

He was coming closer but Tooya suddenly felt something strange inside him.

"... A slow motion?"

The man's fist looked as if it was in a slow motion, so he could evade and get in the back of that man in a flash. 'Let's try this one.'

"What!?"

After waving his hand to an empty space that man looked surprised. As Tooya suddenly disappeared from his eyes, this was not surprising.

Boom.

Tooya gently just wanted to hit him without steeling himself... but the man flew out at an unexpected rate. He was like a frog lying on the ground, motionless.

"Tooya, kun..?"

Rikka was stunned while looking at Tooya... but Tooya was even more confused than Rikka. Although it was his own body, the performance was completely different.

"That"

Tooya thought, thinking of the current situation. There were ups and downs of the man's body. It seemed his life was not a problem. In any case Tooya carried the unconscious man to the nearby bench. Really he couldn't let him sleep like this. When Rikka was about to leave, Tooya immediately held Rikka's hand.

"Let's go!"

"Uh-huh."

Rikka blushes.

Part 7

"I'm really happy today."

"Yes, very happy."

There's no problem after that, after finding Kuroe and did a lot of playing, watching the parade, they went home at night. And nothing happened on the way home either. Tooya and the others were now at a normal route that he took to go home but they didn't go directly to the way of their houses, instead

they were taking the long route to their home because Tooya felt like talking a little bit more.

"That kind of thing really tired me out completely."

Honestly, Tooya was so tired that he could die. Compared to physical examination (PE), it was more exhausting physically and also mentally.

"Because it was very fun..Right Kuroe-san."

"Yes, it was very fun that even fatigue has been driven away."

"Ah ha ha, it really is!"

No, no. Kuroe is a monster, literally. Anyway, since when did Rikka called Kuroe so directly. For Tooya, he didn't expect their relationship to become so good, Rikka already accepted Kuroe... What a headache this was. "Tooya is also very happy right?"

"Ah, I already said that in amusement park no?"

Even if he must say it again he will say 'it was very fun', he wasn't lying, A fun thing will certainly be fun to do even if it costs people life to do it. Even so he will be happy to do that for his own sake.

"Very happy."

Once again Tooya said what he feels. He had a lot of thinking but thanks to today Tooya can be calm and able to deal with this kind of thing normally.

"That's great."

Rikka smiled brightly that this couldn't be compared to the smile she gave this morning or at the amusement park. This expression brought joy to Tooya's heart. Tooya was captivated by this smile. "Next time, let's go again."

"Ah, yes."

Tooya nodded panicky. At the same time, thinking about if this would be good enough.

"I always felt like I'm a third wheel."

"Eh!?"

Said Kuroe with a joking voice ... Then Rikka's face immediately reddened up.

"No, no! I and Tooya are not in that kind of relationship! "

Rikka denied Kuroe and sneaked a glance at Tooya. As if expecting something, Tooya seemed to understand the meaning of what Kuroe's said but because of that, Tooya was just pretending he didn't know.

"Yes, I and Rikka are just a childhood friends."

That instant answer made Rikka face gone hazy, which Tooya also pretending he didn't know.

"Ah, I see. I think you two are very different."

"That, that is not the case!"

"Well then, let's leave that kind of thing."

"Really!"

'Fufu', Kuroe giggled with a casual smile on her face like a person who teases other people, but Kuroe had seen through everything, this seemed like a mockery to Tooya. In the end, Tooya couldn't understand what Kuroe was thinking... Although it was something rude but there was no sense of hostility in her.

"It's almost time to go home."

Tooya said after confirming the time. Although this may be a way to end this topic but in fact it has already been late.

"... yeah, you're right."

Although Rikka hesitated for a moment, she still nodded her head. Because Tooya and Rikka knew each other for a long time, she already knew what it meant but still Tooya acted like he didn't understand a thing. Although Rikka was a bit unhappy...Tooya still ignored it.

"Good night, then!"

"Ah, good night."

"Good night."

So with this day... the happy days ended.

Part 8

Tooya seemed to hear the scream.

"Nn..."

When Tooya woke up, he was a little messy. The room was very dark. It was still in the middle of the night. Because thinking about that dream before, Tooya immediately searched Kuroe at her bed. There he found Kuroe lying there.

".....Fuu.."

Tooya breathed a sigh of relief. So why did he wake up?

“Aa...Don't...”

“?!”

Tooya heard something. That a sound that supposed to bring a sense of calm to other people who heard it, but right now....

“Don't... hurt mother...”

"What, is... this..."

The windows were closed, Tooya shouldn't be able to hear the voice from the outside. But Tooya could still hear the sound, he tried to pretend that the sound was only an hallucination... no that wasn't it. He wanted to think that way. He even tried to close his ears but he could still hear it clearly.

“Daddy no!”

Tooya heard it,very clear.

"Ah.....!"

This was Rikka's voice... but mixed with crying. Among Rikka's voice, there was a voice of a man roaring in them. Tooya tried to close his eyes and ears and tried to ignore all of this, but in the end he can still hear it.

“It hurts! It hurts! Don’t!”

‘Scream. Scream. Scream.’ Tooya obviously didn’t want to hear this...covering his ears as he tried to ignore it but in the end he couldn’t do that.

"Tonight is also quite noisy."

Tooya turned, and he found Kuroe getting up from the bed.

"What does it mean..?"

"Master could hear it? The screaming coming from next door. "

"Scream..."

Even though Tooya understood, he still hesitated. But Kuroe didn’t have any hesitation to tell Tooya what exactly it was.

"Yes, it’s Rikka's scream."

“?!”

She said it out flatly. Tooya obviously didn’t want to hear nor even think about it. He already knew but he’s still pretending that nothing happened..."

"Everyday is always like this. Thanks to this I always feel sleepy in the morning."

Kuroe shrugged... although she said that she wanted to sleep more was a lie, Tooya didn’t think about it now.

"Everyday... everyday is like this?"

“Yes, everyday."

“Well, why did I only hear it tonight..?"

Did not hear? Or had he heard it but was already sleeping? Until yesterday he felt that nothing can be heard. So Tooya could sleep well every night. If he can already hear it from yesterday and even the day before yesterday, Tooya certainly won't sleep well.

"What, that's because my master's body has not been used to."

"Not used to..?"

"Yup."

Kuroe nodded.

"The contact from my master. This is not a verbal contract but an incantation of the contract. So I and master is linked through the contract."

"Linking...together?"

"Yes. Because of the link, I and master are very strong if we're affected with each other."

"Influence..."

"Simply speaking, my strength will flow to master."

"Strength..?"

After listening to these words Tooya can't help but looked at his hands...Tooya might have some clues.

"Not only strength but also master's physical ability is already more than normal average human at most".

Tooya remembered when he was in the amusement park where he had to deal with that drunk man, when he was swinging his fist to Tooya he dealt with it so easily, even with only one single punch. And now, he hearing that far might also because of Kuroe's power increasing his hearing range.

“But, why now so suddenly...”

Tooya and Kuroe certainly were always sticking together for a quite long time. But this kind of thing still startled Tooya in the first place because it still felt unbelievable.

"Didn't I just mention it? It's getting used to it. The power slowly flows through the contract we made. So it's not instantly changed but it will slowly form within master's body."

'Kukuku', then Kuroe laughed.

"So master is already feeling the change within your body right? You should be able to hear it, no, now you can hear it."

He got frozen listening to that voice.

“Father! Please stop!”

The screams echoed in his ears.

"Uaa..."

Couldn't stand the screams, Tooya moaned.

"Say, master."

"Wh, what... ?"

"Why does Rikka make such a voice?"

Did Kuroe ask because she didn't know, or because she wanted to harrass Tooya? He couldn't tell.

"... .. Because, her father's beating her."

Even so Tooya answered. Tooya could only answer. He was no longer covering his ears, and opened his eyes.

"Roughly, 5 years ago Rikka's father was unemployed because of their company's collapse. Even so their saving was enough to live without problems, but finding a new job didn't go well. So Rikka's mother also went to look for work to help her father but it also didn't look good."

"Hm, so it's still not resolved huh?"

"... .. you're right."

This Tooya didn't deny what Kuroe said. If Rikka's father continued trying to find new job it should be resolved easily. But Rikka's father was not this kind of person.

"Her father was very depressed from this so he began drinking. Going out everyday to drink and going home drunk, even after at home he still continue drinking and if someone tried to stop him, he would use violence on anyone.

"I see..."

'Kukuku', Kuroe laughed. That wasn't a smile that was directed at Rikka's father.. It was directed at someone in front of her, Tooya felt the same thing.

"Ah master...Has master done anything?"

"What have I done..."

"I ask when Rikka went through all of that, what did master do?"

"... .."

No answer... Tooya just couldn't answer.

"What, master didn't do anything?"

Kuroe said as if she were surprised. Tooya hesitatingly spoke.

"... ..I went and talked to him for one time."

Only one time. Merely one time. Because he couldn't stand seeing the scar on Rikka's face, that he went to talk with her father once.

"How was the result?"

"Completely useless..."

It was better to say it was worse. That's right, just thinking about it made it look like he being preached by a little kid who had the same age as her daughter, wouldn't that make him even mad? If he was still trying to preach her dad knowing what would happen, it'd only make it worse. And that could end up making the scar in Rikka's face increase.

"Hm, is that all of it?"

"... .. yeah."

Tooya nodded.

"Master didn't think about taking another step?"

"Taking another step..."

"Something like... .. kill him."

Kuroe said very easily.

"Isn't it the quickest way?"

Speaking from the man-eater's perspective, it was easy.

"This kind of thing... .. How could I do it."

"But didn't master think about it before?"

"This..."

To tell the truth, he had thought about it. Every time he saw Rikka's face...
Tooya thought that sometimes Rikka could die if this continued even more.

"But, I can't do such a thing."

"Because you will be arrested?"

"... .. That is also the reason."

Completely become criminal is a no go. Tooya didn't want to get arrested.
But that was not the point here. To be honest Tooya would do that if he had
a chance but....

"If Rikka knew, that for her, I killed her father, what would Rikka think?"

"Hm."

While thinking Kuroe stared at the ceiling.

"If it was that girl then she will certainly blame herself... .. The worst case
she would commit suicide."

"I... hope Rikka can be happy."

Tooya couldn't imagine this method of killing Rikka's father, could bring
Rikka happiness.

"However... don't ever do anything that can make that girl unhappy."

Faintly Kuroe said that.

"Or master says that she's happy right now?"

"... .."

How could it.

"Master... .."

Kuroe then approached Tooya's face... and whispered.

"!?"

Tooya couldn't help but jumped off.

"That's why."

"Like I said?"

Saying, Kuroe once again leaned over.

"Now I'm here."

"I'll eat all until nothing's left..If I do that then there will be no traces left... If that's the case wouldn't it be considered as M.I.A? Even if there's some people who doubts it I can use magic like what I did to those officers right."

There's no risk by doing what Kuroe said.

"All the decision is yours master."

Kill, or not to kill.

"... .. Are you, ordering me to kill?"

Kuroe then shook her head.

"I didn't mean that. That girl in the end I have nothing to do with... ..I'm just give master some options."

"... .."

Tooya was silent. To be honest Kuroe's proposal was very attractive.

Because this way the problem that had been ignored for a long time could be solved in a blink of an eye. All the feelings that had been suppressed by Tooya could be released. In the first place, for continuously making Rikka

suffer, Tooya never had a good impression about her father. So since there was no risk, there was no reason to hesitate at all.

But, this would become a murder outside of agreement. In other words there was no interest to kill. If it was the price of the contract, it could be said as 『 There were no other ways 』 ... If not then this was simply Tooya wanted to kill by himself.

"It seems waiting for a month is the best option here."

Kuroe, who looked like she had seen everything smiled.

"If that's the case you don't have to worry about it right? How kind of you master waiting for a month for her to stop making that kind of voice at night. So far she's already waiting patiently for several years right, if it's only for a month I think that girl can endure it."

Most likely just as Kuroe said. Rikka is very strong. Even after receive many beating from her father she never even once came to Tooya asking for his help. Always smiling in front of Tooya as if nothing had happened.

Therefore, if only for one month Rikka can endure it with certain. After a month Tooya must choose someone as a price for contracting with Kuroe. Needless to say anymore, that price will come eventually. So maybe with this, his burden will be reduced.

Moreover, just waiting for a month then a person could be saved. If now he let Kuroe eat Rikka's father, he must choose someone else to get eaten again as the contract sign. In just a month, a person could be saved is already worth the price to pay. This idea came out naturally.

As long as Rikka could endure it for a month then all things would end up nicely without a doubt. But can he himself in this one month, endure this moaning or not?

Looking at Tooya, Kuroe nodded.

"If that isn't enough to convince master, then this will do."

Kuroe then smiled, snapped her fingers.

"What are you trying to do... ?"

The result came faster than Tooya's question. Suddenly his view was switched from darkness in his room into another scene. Obviously he was in his own room, but he didn't know since when his vision had become a rooftop of his house.

"Because I and master are linked together. So we can share my Far-see eyes."

As Kuroe finished, his vision began to move from Tooya's home to Rikka's. The field of vision finally flew to the roof. Tooya felt a chill running behind his back after seeing his vision inside Rikka house.

"Wait...!?"

Kuroe didn't wait.

"Don't turn your eyes... Well, you can't even if you want to."

As Kuroe said, Tooya didn't look away. Tooya began to close his eyes so he could see what Kuroe saw, he could only see what Kuroe sees if he closes his eye. Now Tooya is starting to see what really happened.

Tooya already knew that Rikka always received a beating from her father, this was the fact that Tooya already knew since the start. But after seeing it

with his own eyes he just couldn't bear to looking at this scene anymore, seeing all of this is making Tooya's heart break, a deep scar had been imprinted in Tooya heart.

Rikka stood in front to protect her mother. A big bruise on the left side of her face, her nose was also bleeding, clearly she didn't shed a bit of tears after what she just went through, even so she still kept smiling telling her father to stop doing that to her mother.

Not pleased seeing that once again her father waved his fist to Rikka, that small delicate body was knocked into the ground.

"That's, enough..."

Tooya didn't move his eyes, nor did anything.

"That's enough, stop it quickly! It's an order!"

So Tooya roared. Other than yelling Tooya couldn't do anything.

"Roger."

Along with Kuroe's voice, suddenly his vision was restored. His sight restored to his room, in front of his eyes was the smiling man-eater.

"Then, what does master intend to do?"

"... .."

Kuroe looked at the angry Tooya. The answer indicated that there was only one. Seeing that kind of scene, there was no other option. Every time he heard the moaning that scene would emerge. That scene, Tooya simply couldn't wait for a month.

Moreover.

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... .. Tooya's heart was full of dark emotions.

"Decided yet?"

"... .. Aa."

Tooya nodded softly.

"Kuroe, this is an order."

Then, Tooya spoke slowly.

"Rikka's father... .. Eat him."

Part 9

The next day, completely unable to sleep Tooya woke up soon in the morning. The truth was although he felt sleepy, he still woke up with a determination to face what yet to come. Luckily, having used to Kuroe's power, his mind was very clear.

"... .. Morning, is it."

Kuroe got up slowly. Kuroe and Tooya, the two of them didn't sleep well last night. Kuroe was still not used to getting up early, so she looked sleepy.

"I'm going out now, change your clothes quickly."

"...um."

Kuroe nodded and Tooya left the room.

"Alright."

After hearing Kuroe voice Tooya returned to his room again. She should looked a bit sober after changing her clothes, but today for some reason Kuroe looked more spirited.

"Then I'll go out as well... .. What, master has already changed."

"Yeah."

Tooya had changed his clothes when Kuroe was sleeping.

"Hey, can I ask you something?"

"What is it?"

"Why are not you good at getting up early?"

Suddenly Tooya asked. If Kuroe used her power she shouldn't feel sleepy at night. Originally sleeping was meant to relieve our fatigue, but Tooya didn't have any fatigue at all thanks to Kuroe power. Thus, as the source of that strength Kuroe had no need for sleep because her stamina is more than average human, but usually having nothing to do, Kuroe would sleep.

"... .. Well, half is because I'm interested in it."

"Interested?"

"I like sleeping."

Kuroe gave an ambiguous answer.

"If I want to get up of course I can, but sleeping is better."

"Why you can't get up early?"

"Because originally I'm a nocturnal creature. Of course I can wake up early if I want to. But this feeling of drowsiness I don't hate it."

Looks like it.

"Evading the reality here should be almost enough?"

"... .."

Kuroe inadvertently said one sentence. Tooya didn't mean to escape the reality just now but that didn't matter anymore.

"In fact, there's no need to force yourself?"

Kuroe said.

"As long as master orders me to go eat then I will eat anyone. And so, there is no need for master to personally confirm the scene."

"No, it's fine."

Tooya shook his head.

"I... myself decided to kill him. So I have the obligation to witness."

"Actually choosing such a painful way... master is really troublesome."

'Kukuku', Kuroe smiled. After ordering Kuroe to go eat Rikka's father yesterday, Tooya also decided to go along with her. It was decided that would happen in this early morning. He'd also decided that he would also be present at that scene.

"Then, almost time to set out."

"... .. Aa."

Part 10

Now the outside was cloudy, looked like it would rain soon. Thinking of what he was going to do, this weather was really perfect.

"Tooya-kun, good morning."

Suddenly noticing Tooya got out of his house Rikka who was waiting in front of her house started walking towards him while showing a bright smile as usual, it felt like the thing that happened yesterday night was just an illusion created by Kuroe.

But Rikka couldn't hide all the scar on her face , once again Tooya realized that something had happened to her again.

"Yeah, good morning."

Tooya tried to keep calm, said his greeting to Rikka as usual.

"Kuroe-san, good morning."

"Yes, Good morning."

Then Kuroe also smiled back to her. After that, she seemed to notice something.

"Ara, there's a rice sticking in your face."

"Eh, really!?"

"It's okay, I'll get it off for you."

Kuroe made a motion of removing the rice on Rikka's face but that was for another reason, of course nothing was taken down. But, the traces of Rikka's scars were gone.

"Alright, I got it."

"Thank you."

Unnoticing about what just happened to her scars, Rikka thanked Kuroe.

『This is a small service. 』

In Tooya mind Kuroe voice sounded. It seemed Kuroe cast a healing magic on Rikka. As always he still didn't understand Kuroe's real intention, after that Tooya wondered if he should thank Kuroe for doing that. He should do that even he doesn't want to, so Tooya thanked Kuroe in his heart wholeheartedly.

"Then, almost time to go to school."

Rikka said, after confirming the time.

"Um...about that, I'm sorry."

Although using strong words with Rikka made Tooya very sad, he still continued.

"Actually I have some business with Kuroe's mother first. Although it will take some time but we still could catch up with the class later, can you go first?"

"Is that so... .."

Rikka's voice was slightly depressed. Pretending that nothing happened was good, but that wouldn't do with that scar on her face. But words wouldn't do any good this time, action speaks louder than words. Tooya was also trying to stay with Rikka to console her. But now he had to solve the problem from the root.

"Sorry."

He could only apologize.

"Eh, there's no need to feel sorry for that, it couldn't be helped right?"

"Yeah, but I'm sorry."

Tooya could only do this.

"Really, Tooya-kun is really weird."

Rikka tried to laugh it off with a difficult face.

"Then, I'll go first."

"Yeah, be careful on your way."

Tooya waved at Rikka.

"... .. Master is really a troublesome man."

After we couldn't see Rikka anymore, Kuroe started to speak."

"Just give me an order without making any more excuses to solve this problem."

"... .. I hate that."

Although Kuroe said that, Tooya didn't want to mix Rikka in this case.

"Well, as long as master is pleased I don't care."

Kuroe shrugged.

"... .. Let's go."

Since they told Rikka that they would go to school later, it was best to quickly solve this before she starts to get curious of what Tooya and Kuroe were doing. After confirming that there was no one around, the two quickly came to the front door of Rikka's home.

"Are no one else at home right now?"

"Ufu, there is only one person in this house."

Rikka's family has four people. Her mother is out early because of her work, Rikka's brother went out even earlier than Rikka. And Rikka had just gone to school... ..So at home there was only one person.

"... .. Go inside."

"Understood."

Gachari

Kuroe used some sort of technique, and opened the door of Rikka's house.

"Well, please come in."

Just like a butler telling her master to go inside, Kuroe urged Tooya.

After Tooya nodded, he entered the Rikka home.

Part 11

The last time he came here was to talking with Rikka's father. Although at that time it gave an impression of desolating feeling inside this house, this time it gave more.

In the corridors and wall there were traces of violence that her father did, in order not to break any other furniture he must have evacuated all of them. Thanks to that it felt more desolate in this home.

"Where is he?"

"In the innermost room."

Although Tooya already knew where he was thanks to Kuroe enhanced power. If his memory was correct he should be at the living room beside Rikka brother room, probably he was using that room to laze around all day.

"It's here."

The door was tightly shut, there were no sound that's coming from the inside. From the gap of the door, there was no light shining in that room,

Tooya guessed that the curtain was closed so there'd be no ambient light at all from the outside.

"... .. Still sleeping?"

At that time they could hear faintly a man breathing. After that Tooya slowly open the door, he was really sleeping at this time. The room was full of bottles and bags, Rikka's father was lying in the center of these things. The curtains weren't also pulled, so they didn't have to worry about people outside seeing what was in here.

"Sleeping is really comfortable."

Really. The room was full of the smell of alcohol.

"So, what to do now?"

Kuroe asked.

"Eat directly like that?"

Kuroe asked whether she could eat just like that.

"Make him get up."

Tooya replied without any confusion in his mind, and at the same time he realized something. It was kind enough to kill him when he fell asleep without him experiencing any pain, trying to deny this was just a proof that he wanted to make him suffer first. At this point the dark emotions from yesterday surged inside Tooya heart.

"... .. That's right."

Tooya decided in his mind. There's no reason to spare him, just remembering at that time when Rikka tried to hid the scar on her face by

pretending to laugh, even getting that kind of treatment from her dad, she never cried in front of her dad not even in front of me even once.

"So, wake him up."

Kuroe then raised the edge of her mouth.

*Clap

Kuroe gently clapped her hand. Just like that Rikka father started opening his eyes.

"Nn... Ahh... ?"

Rikka's father woke up with a sleepy face.

"Good morning."



He said that calmly. Surprisingly, Tooya was shocked at why he was so calm this time.

"You are... next door... ?"

Rikka's father had a look that didn't understand the situation, watching Tooya with daze in his eyes. Even if Kuroe woke him up he wasn't completely conscious.

"Kuroe."

If that the case let's wake him up completely.

"Eat his right arm."

"Roger."

In response, Kuroe's upper body stretched out while shape shifting. Because of that Kuroe body started to changed. Kuroe became a giant wolf.

"Hiy... .. ! ?"

Because if she became a huge wolf, then the room space wouldn't be enough, so only Kuroe's upper body turned into a giant wolf. Although only her upper body was already big and tall, it's almost reaching the ceiling. That appearance was enough to scare Rikka's father. Looking from the side Tooya noticed that Kuroe's lower body was still human and that was unusually very funny to see.

'Pakuri.'

Quietly, without any resistance, Kuroe had eaten his right arm. It was natural for her to eat his arm so easily with that sharp fangs and teeth. Rikka's father whose arm had been eaten hadn't yet to notice what happened... But, he quickly understood.

"Hiya... My, my arm, my arm a
aaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaa!"

Deafening shriek. Even the windows were also shocked.

"Urgh, if the sound came out it would be bad."

At that time when Kuroe said that. The vibration of the window ceased. Probably she used some kind of magic to make the room sound proof.

"Arm, my arm aaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaa!"

Even so the scream in the room didn't disappear. It was clear the reason he screamed was because the pain of losing one of his arm and not with the big wolf in front of him.

"So noisy..."

Kuroe said as if she couldn't stand it... And then with the wolf's appearance came near Rikka's father.

"Shut up."

"Hii!"

It was a very low voice but sounded clear in the hysteric Rikka's father. It wasn't because he calmed down... It's just because in front of his eyes, existed something scarier than losing an arm.

"Don't worry... just losing one arm can't kill you. And blood didn't come out? So don't worry that you'll bleed to death."

Tooya now noticed, indeed Rikka's father didn't have a drop of blood on his right hand... Not surprising. Kuroe was planning this from the start. This was to prevent him from losing too much blood, losing much blood equals to

losing consciousness so to prevent that from happening, Kuroe did this way so it was really thoughtful.

"So calm down... Listen to master's words."

"Mas, master... .. ?"

There was only one other person in that room. Naturally Rikka's father looked to Tooya.

"Kurum-san."

Tooya also looked at him, and then declared.

"Please go die."

"What...!?"

Why? Rikka father's face showed such an expression. Watching this expression Tooya began to wonder about whether or not to say the reason for him to doing all of this and then shook his head. If he was told the reason, he would certainly justify himself.

"... .. Fuu."

Exhaled. Honestly Tooya now was still confused. There was no reason for him to go all the way to kill people for his own sake but this was a different matter, it was Rikka's father that we were talking about. Drunk, using violence on his family, there was no doubt that he was not a good person. But if we asked what punishment that should be passed on Rikka father, this kind of punishment won't be a good idea but, even so Tooya still wanted to kill him.

This wasn't something that's allowed in this society. There's no rule in this world that abusing a family member is sentenced to death penalty, there's no

one that can justify that action. But...Even so he wanted to put it all aside, and just kill him.

"Kuroe."

Tooya called Kuroe's name. This was something nobody would have expected. Not good, the other member of Rikka's family must have thought to kill this man too even if it was just a little thought, but Rikka was different. Tooya could be sure of that. No matter how many times she must endure this kind of treatment she would stay smiling at her father and she would stay silent not letting anyone know about this especially Tooya. She must have been praying he could change back to the gentle father before.

This is Tooya's resolve and determination

Tooya just didn't want to hear Rikka's sorrow.

Tooya wanted Rikka to be happy.

It was because of these one-sided wishes Tooya would do such a thing.

This wasn't what Kuroe proposed.

But Tooya chose to do.

"Eat,him."

"Roger."

Kuroe raised her lips and nodded.

"Wait, wait... ...!?"

Rikka father didn't even have time to plead.

'Pakuri.'

First, his upper body disappeared. So he should die. After eating his upper body she started eating his lower body, while eating she deliberately chewing him in high voice "Gushari, Goshari", the sound of chewing flesh and bones filled the room.

"I'm stuffed."

After all were finished, Kuroe changed back to human form. Broken uniforms were also incredibly restored instantly just like that, it reminded Tooya of his first meeting with Kuroe.

"Well then, aren't you busy, master."

"... .. Aa."

If they stayed here too long they would be suspected, as to making Rikka father gone M.I.A. Kuroe would make an illusion of Rikka father gone out for a while after that he wouldn't come back. This kind of act wouldn't make Tooya suspected, we could think about how to handle active people who were searching for her father later.

"Let's go."

The two left the living room with no one in it.

Part 12

"Tonight I can sleep quietly."

Said Kuroe on her bed.

"... .."

Tooya didn't say anything. Tooya was in his bed, rolled in the blanket. The room didn't turn on the lights, the curtains was also not pulled so it was very black.

After that, although a little late, Tooya still went to school. Because he said that he have some family business that he must attend, the teacher didn't have any doubts on it. It seemed by doing this there's some possibility that's this act will linked to Rikka father disappearance. But in the dire situation he could use Kuroe power to manipulate the rumor, as long as the body couldn't be found it should be no problem.

"Why does master have a dark face? Like that the girl could be happy now?"

Right, exactly. With this Rikka should be happy. The cause of Rikka's pain had been eliminated by Tooya. It was killed. Right, killed. Not to save lives, nor was it to pay the price with Kuroe. It was killed because of Tooya's own will.

"Uu...!?"

Suddenly a feeling to throw up came up. This was only normal for an average person. But Tooya didn't allow himself to regret what he'd just done. Until he could do that he would try to hold it, because if he threw up he was admitting that he regretted doing this, he regretted saving Rikka from her violent father.

"Araara, just like with those three men before master, master always become like this after seeing something little like that. Nee, master why dont you hurry up and fix that habit of yours."

"You're.....too noisy...."

Replied Tooya casually. How can I become used to it so easily.. it's killing other people that we're talking about how can he get used to it so easily.

"But master, next month master must let me eat someone else."

Right, this was the content of the contract.

"By that time, would master want to repeat the same pain and regret it?"

"... .."

Tooya couldn't answer. Couldn't answer. Next time, yes there would be next time as long the contract with Kuroe still exist he must let Kuroe eat another person each month. If he didn't do so, Kuroe would eat someone on her own will. That might be someone who he hadn't met, or maybe someone he knew or someone important to him.

"And also, master."

Kuroe continued.

"Master letting me eat that girl's father wasn't because of paying for the contract right? Maybe this kind of thing will happen again in the near future."

"This kind of thing...!?"

There's no way... No. Tooya already knew that Kuroe was the strongest entity in his hand. It reminded him of the old himself, Tooya could only run and bear with any hostile treatment that he received, now he had Kuroe at his command. But if some unreasonable thing happen he just can't run by himself and leave all of that matter to Kuroe. To be honest asking Kuroe to solve all of the problem he had wasn't a good thing to do.

"This, there's nothing bad about it."

Kuroe whispered in Tooya's ear.

"The reason why this world needs to work together is because one individual couldn't stand against a group. So they always compliment and obey the strongest group. But master is different. Although master is an individual, but you have me who is the strongest entity. So there is no need to follow the ethics of society."

Maybe, maybe this was true. What Kuroe said in a sense was correct, but this from the beginning was the strong Kuroe's way of thinking. For just a normal student as Tooya, he couldn't just immediately accept it.

"Be a little... Quiet."

Killing people... ..This was definitely not a good thing.

"Roger."

Kuroe nodded, then stayed quiet. But Kuroe kept staring at Tooya... It was like looking at something interesting, while smiling and staring.

"... .."

Tooya thought giving Kuroe order to not look at him. But that kind of order was pointless, whether Kuroe's looking at him or not, the regret that seeped deeply inside his heart wouldn't go away that easily.

Only, endure... .. keep on enduring.

Part 13

Having gone missing over a month anyone would be worried. Even if just going out to fool around and didn't come back for a month it'd already beyond reason. Rikka mother already reported this case to the police and they had started to investigate this matter. Initially Rikka was worried that

letting police investigate her house would lead to discovering of her father's abusing behavior towards her. But after the investigation of Rikka's house, there's no proof of abusive, so Rikka felt relieved.

"Master, you still can't sleep well today?"

"... .. Annoying."

Answered Tooya towards that kind of mocking question as they were walking to the door. It was the usual morning, Wrong, this was the most recent morning that wasn't the same as the one before. Because of her father's disappearance, after that Tooya had barely seen Rikka... To be frank, Tooya had also been deliberately avoiding Rikka.

"A... .."

So today Tooya also went to school with Kuroe as usual, it should be like that, but Rikka was in front.

"Tooya-kun, good morning."



There was no usual bright smile on her face. Rikka revealed a slightly lonely and tired smile.

"A, aa... Good morning."

At the time of Tooya replied, Rikka had come over.

"Good morning."

Kuroe didn't seem to care, and showed a fake smile.

"Yeah, Kuroe-san good morning."

But in response Rikka expression was still dark.

'Why?'

This question emerged inside Tooya heart. Knowing that this question must be avoided at all cost, Hestill wanted to ask her this question.

"It feels like we haven't met for a long time."

"Right, yes..."

He lightly nodded.

"A lot... happened."

Rikka's voice was very dark, this made Tooya very sad.

"You also... worked hard."

Tooya can only say that.

"... .. Hey, Tooya-kun."

Although Rikka was hesitated she spoke.

"Shouldn't...I be happy?"

"Huh!?"

Rikka suddenly asked this question, Tooya was stunned.

"After father disappeared... Mother, and brother, are very happy. Although they didn't say it out, but I can feel the atmosphere."

Rikka, who seemed to be very sad said that.

"Well, what can I say, I couldn't say that father didn't do wrong. He didn't go to work every day and kept drinking, and also hurt mother and brother..."

Even so, Rikka didn't say that she was also hurt.

"But, but even so he was also my father. I remembered that gentle father in the past that always looked after me, I have always hoped that father could change back to what he was."

Then Rikka laughed out... she started to cry while laughing.

"Nee, Should...I be happy? Or, should I better cry?"

『I don't know』 Rikka whispered.

And Tooya... didn't answer. He couldn't answer to be exact.

‘You should be happy.’

Such words... it feels strange for Tooya to say that.

"Sorry... I, said something strange."

Rikka turned away with a smile, now her back is facing a silenced Tooya.

"I, will go ahead now. I want to be alone."

Whispered Rikka, and just like that she left Tooya with her back facing him. Tooya didn't catch up with her and also didn't say anything to her, he just stood there and watched as her figure disappeared from his sight.

"I am... .. very, pathetic isn't it."

After he couldn't see Rikka anymore, Tooya said it.

"I clearly knew. I obviously knew. I knew it... Rikka didn't want that. Obviously I already knew that there's some other ways to solve this matter, there are no children in this world who can hate their father, it's practically impossible. I already knew that Rikka doesn't want her father to die or disappear just like that."

Tooya yelled... Because he couldn't bear it.

"I knew that this is all my damn fault. Because I hate him so I killed him. Because I hate seeing Rikka hurt... I hate to hear Rikka's scream so I killed him."

That's right, that's the fact that can't be denied by anyone.

"It was me who made the choice... The wrong one was me."

Killing was not allowed... I clearly knew.

"But, but I... hope to be forgiven. I hope Rikka would say, it's great that Dad is gone, its great that I won't be hurt anymore.If so, I can blame Rikka. I could say I killed for Rikka!"

Tooya cried out as if he couldn't stand it.

"I want to blame this on Rikka that it was her fault that I did that, after that I want to get her forgiveness after what I've done to her father and tell her it was for her sake."

Clearly he killed on his own.

"I am really... .. pathetic."

Tooya said again. Then he lowered his head... closed his mouth. He didn't go to school, nor did he go home, just bowing in place.

Kuroe had been watching Tooya.

As usual, smiling and staring.

Smiling.

Smiling.

Smiling.

Smiling while staring.

As if, nothing was funnier than this.

People who were distressed by something like that tend to forget the flow of the time.

Chapter 4: His and Man-eater's Affairs

Part 1

30 minutes had passed, and Tooya finally recovered by himself. Still standing, Tooya started to calm his raging emotions down but he noticed that he couldn't just stand still like that in this place.

"Hm, you've finally calmed down."

Tooya, who was tired of Kuroe still here, turned away.

"Why... Why you're still in here?."

"Of course I'm here because master's order is always to be by your side isn't?."

Kuroe smiled. That smile made Tooya feel very annoyed.

"I know. You can go."

"Hm?"

"I mean go where you want to... I won't go to school today."

If he went to school just like this, then he really can't face Rikka.

"Hm, I see... .. Then I won't go to school either."

"... .."

Her words just made Tooya feel more and more annoyed. This made him stare at Kuroe.

"Aw... you don't have to stare at me like that."

"Go away."

Tooya said impatiently.

"Okay then I'll take my leave so please cheer yourself up master."

"?"

"If I'm not at home then that means I went hiking."

Kukuku, Kuroe laughed and jumped on the roof. And then jumping back and forth between the rooftops, in a blink of an eye she disappeared.

"Come on you've got to move on your feet."

Muttering, Tooya went home just like that. I didn't know since when but, there was a man standing there. Wearing a suit, his age was in the twenties or so. At first glance he was a very typical office worker. The man exposed a gentle and generous smile, while looking at Tooya.

"Kamisaki... Tooya right?"

The man closed in, and asked.

"Yes I am, but..."

At that moment when Tooya asked that's man .

Pan.

A crisp sound ringed.

"Eh?"

Suddenly Tooya let out a voiceless howl. He felt, a warm outflow. He still didn't know what happened, and fell down.

Just, this sound was very familiar... There would be such a feeling.

Batan.

A burst of red blood, spreading out from Tooya body on the ground.

"... .. Fuu."

The man breathed out. Like he has accomplished something that he was given to.

"You there, what are you doing?"

"! ?"



The man was startled, looked to the direction whence the sound came. On the roof there was Kuroe which was looking down here. Obviously her master was shot down to the ground, Kuroe didn't look worried a bit.

"As you can see, I just shot him."

The man raised his pistol as a weapon, while answering Kuroe. That man wasn't wavering at all pointing his gun at Kuroe, he was calm and composed at heart.

"Compared to this I have a question to ask, when were you there? I clearly have confirmed that you left right."

"It's nothing, this is very simple."

Ton, Kuroe jumped from the roof into the front of the man.

"After you confirmed my departure, I quietly came back. This distance is nothing to me."

"Hahaha, so it's like that."

Although this wasn't funny. But Kuroe smiled.

"I know that you've been tailing me all this time, so I got curious and set a little bait to lure you out. Then you're hooked."

"I'm really ashamed."

The man saying that without a shred of fear, this made Kuroe laugh.

"You really dare say it, but you were also obviously aware of the hook. Even knowing that this is simply a bait to lure you out but still took the initiative. For what purpose did you do that?"

"... .."

The man didn't answer, Kuroe didn't care.

"So, who are you?"

Kuroe asked. Then the man saluted.

"Nice to meet you, I'm called Tanaka Keiichiro. I'm an inquisitor from The Order of the Black Magic in this country, my job is to exterminate a demon and youkai-like creatures."

"I've never heard of such department."

"Because this is country secret."

"Hm."

Kuroe nodded. Because in this modern era all the supernatural thing is only fictional. In this case the department responsible for this one wouldn't be on the stage wasn't surprising.

"So.. why did an inquistor from that department came to kill my master? "

"This is of course to, seal you."

"Hau."

Kuroe seemed interested looking at Tanaka.

"We already sensed your presence ever since you broke out from the seal that day and your dark presence is also leaking everywhere. To be honest I don't think I can defeat you, no... even if we mobilized all of this country inquisitors it's still not enough to defeat you."

"I think so too."

Kuroe was confident with herself. Just because she was sealed for a long time that didn't mean she didn't know anything about this world. She had a

power called "The Far-seeing Eye" that could allow her to look at the world outside, although the technology'd been already developing she still didn't think the weapon from that developing technology could defeat her.

Only magic can completely defeat Kuroe, but.

"So... even the ancient magician didn't know who and how to pick his opponent huh."

"Just as you said."

In the distant past, the youkais like Kuroe in Japan was eliminated. Which meant that the power to eliminate youkai had long ceased to exist. Unwanted technology would eventually be forgotten but the truth was there was still some magic that still passed down from generation to generation even now.

"Now there's no powerful monster anymore. Our main job is to destroy the evil spirits and the evil conjurer that still existed in this era. We do not have the skills and experience to fight against powerful monsters like you."

"Hm, and then?"

"We already did a lot investigation about you for past this week, and we found something. According to the ancient record we found the way to re-seal you once again."

"Hou."

"According to this record the only way to re-seal you again is to lift the contract that you have made with the contractor. If we succeed in doing that, then the seal will once again start to work and bind you again."

"Like the ancient record said this was the only way to defeat you, we have no way to exterminate you. As long the contract is nullified our purpose will be achieved."

"So, we decided to kill your master. As long you lose your master your contract will be nullified. You will once again be sealed right."

He looked troubled. Tanaka shrugged.

"But, why aren't you sealed?"

Well, Tanaka wasn't expecting that the seal will immediately work after he killed the contractor. After all the opponent that he was facing was an ancient demon that has a mythical-like power. Even if she resisted a little then that was already inside his calculation, but the seal already succeeded once so this time he's sure it will succeed again like the previous one. The seal was already in high level so once again Tanaka was confident that it will succeed and she would be sealed once more.

However. Kuroe hadn't been sealed, she was still standing there, she didn't use any magical power to resist the seal. She was standing still right there with a full of dark presence around her.

"That, you made two mistakes."

Then Kuroe laughed.

"First is the seal. You just said that as long as the contract is invalid I will be sealed, but when I and my master set a new contract and that moment I won't be sealed, that's already wrong in the first place. Well, the ancient record that all of you researched is all messed up."

"That... is really troublesome."

Tanaka scratched his head. Now he could only do this.

"Well, don't lose heart yet. There is no great mistake."

"... You, you mean?"

"After the contract is invalid I will die. So I won't be sealed again."

Kuroe said faintly.

"When I set the contract my life and my master's life will be linked together... So if master die I will also die."

Hearing that Tanaka was very surprised.

"Eto... in other words that means."

"Hm, since I'm alive that proves master hasn't died. This is your second mistake."

"How can it be..."

Tanaka said as if groaning.

"Certainly that bullet that you shot has already pierced through master's heart, moreover that bullet isn't just ordinary bullet. A spell is embedded inside that bullet. If an ordinary youkai or demon had their heart pierced by that kind of bullet they'd surely die, but don't you mistake something here."

"We're talking about a normal human here."

'Kukuku', Kuroe laughed.

"Didn't I said it? My life and master's life are already linked together as one, in other words, if you want to kill my master you need a power greater than my power to kill my master. So... how can you do that while you're alone?"

"... .."

Tanaka could only be silent... Only, looking at Tooya who fell to the ground.

"! ?"

At that moment, Tooya fingers started to move a bit. But he hadn't yet fully recovered consciousness, so his body didn't move. But that was enough to prove that Tooya was still alive.

"Sure enough he hasn't completely accustomed to my power so the restoration is a bit slow at first. Since there's my life transfer magic inside master it's impossible for you alone to kill my master.

"... .. It seems so."

Tanaka readily admitted.

"You chose wrong. If you want to kill me with that kind of bullet the you should've shot it directly at me, and not to my master. If so, maybe you could kill me."

"What do you mean..."

"It's nothing, because I will definitely obey master... If master told me to die, then I would die."

"! ?"

Tanaka looked at Kuroe in astonishment.

"Wont your master die if I do that?"

According to Kuroe, their lives were linked together.

"I just said, it was if my master died. The key to the contract lies with me, if I died before master then the contract would be voided... only I will die."

Kuroe casually said these important things.

"So, what do you want to do? I think master will wake up in five minutes."

"... .."

Confused, Tanaka looked at Kuroe and Tooya... ..then sighed.

"I'll be heading back for today. Even if what you said is true, talking with him at this time will be pointless, I will postpone it until next time.

"You hurt my master and now you think you can simply escape?"

"If possible I hope you can let me go."

I think it wouldn't be enough... Ahaha, Tanaka laughed out.

"Well, you can go."

"Eh."

Tanaka couldn't help but gasping.

"I mean, it's impossible for me to not let you go."

"... .. Really?"

"Hm."

Against the doubtful Tanaka Kuroe nodded.

"I'm indeed the master's servant, but without his command I cannot act.

Because master told me not to eat human so you're lucky today. Aren't you glad that you can escape with your life?"

"Ee, of course."

This time Tanaka also nodded strongly.

"For now I'll go back and report to my superior about your power and also about you and your master, that he couldn't be killed. I should've looked at the situation more closely before acting rashly... ..Forget it, I'll think of coming to apologize to him sooner..."

Tanaka looked at Tooya for a split second, then looked back to Kuroe.

"Tell him that I'm sorry, also 『although we'd already started preparing to take an action to apprehend your contracted demon so you should enjoy your normal everyday life while you can. 』 please convey it too him."

"Isn't that too fast? I mean you just wanted to kill us right?"

Tanaka looking at Kuroe with astonishment.

"Well that's the only thing that I can say to you two."

Tanaka without a bit of remorse, replied.

"Just like a man-eater."

"... .. That's you right?"

"That's right."

Kukuku, Kuroe laughed again.

"This isn't funny..."

Tanaka muttered hopelessly.

"Well, now there is no other way... Please pardon me."

After that Tanaka turned, and walked away. He was really full of opening, Kuroe can kill him easily if it was like this but he didn't have any intention of killing Tooya or Kuroe anymore. Since there was no need for vigilance, Tanaka was out of this mentality.

"Hm, what an interesting guy."

Kuroe said that after she couldn't see Tanaka's figure anymore, then Kuroe looked back at Tooya.

"Master, you're awake?"

...No response.

But Tooya'd fallen to the ground suddenly moved, slowly stood up.

Part 2

At that time he started to notice the pain that ran across his body. Especially from his chest to his whole body... But then the pain slowly faded, so Tooya could immediately think.

First thing was to think about why he fell.

The sudden pain in his chest.

It looked like a gunshot wound.

Asking the man's name.

... .. Tooya immediately realized he was shot.

Then Tooya didn't think 『Why? 』 .

'Ahh, even I'm not allowed to die.'

Tooya gave up.

Then Tooya kept listening to the conversation... ..Up till now.

"... .. Cough, cough."

Tooya coughed up the blood that stayed in his throat. The blood stopped.

The wound didn't hurt, after standing up he could still hear the sound of metal landing. It was a bullet. Like when the wound restored it was squeezed out... ..Tooya, finally had a 『this isn't a normal body』 feeling.

"Better don't touch it."

When Tooya wanted to pick up the bullet, Kuroe stopped him.

"That bullet contains a lot of curses meant to kill. Although the power to kill master isn't enough, touching it would still burn."

Tooya retracted his hand and stared at the bullet. Even after Kuroe said that, Tooya didn't feel anything by looking at that bullet.

"Let me handle this, for an ancient demon like me, this is nothing."

"... .."

Tooya looked away from the bullet and looked at Kuroe.

"When did you find out?"

Tooya began asking Kuroe what had happened.

"From the start."

Kuroe readily answered.

"My master and I are linked by the contract that we made you know?"

"... .."

..In this case, say that from the beginning.

"Kuroe."

"What is it?"

With little hesitation, Tooya spoke.

"If I ordered you to die... Will you really die?"

"Hm."

Kuroe immediately nodded her head.

"What just i said to that inquistor was true you know. I'm absolutely obedient to master's command... If you ordered me to die, then I will soon die."

『Why dont you try to command me』 , Kuroe said with that a smile in her face. Tooya didn't understand her at all.

"Why?"

"Why, what?"

Kuroe obviously knew what that meant, but still asked Tooya.

"Why, did you set such a contract."

This kind of contract could lead the two of them to death. He thought that it was strange doing this contract, since it should give him more disadvantages than benefit, and there's no room for negotiation, but Tooya felt that wasn't the case.

"If I didn't make a contract, then I couldn't break out from that seal."

"Even so..."

Tooya couldn't understand. Indeed, after making the contract she could make it to the outside... But there was no freedom. There was also a chance that she could die because she must absolutely obey her contractor. In this case why didn't she just find another way to leave that seal and obtain a TRUE freedom, it's a way better than now.

"Not really."

Kuroe was likely seeing through Tooya's thoughts and said.

"It depends on the person who makes contact with me, and the thing that's meaningless to master is meaningful to me. If for this you can't afraid of taking risks."

"... .. This, what is this?"

In the end, what is the thing that make her go all way making a contract with me despite putting her life in danger.

"Staying around many people."

That moment, Tooya still didn't understand the meaning of these words.

"That... what do you mean?"

"Like what the words mean."

Kuroe laughed.

"I want to stay around many people. And it's not sneaky, but upright."

"Why, do you want this..."

I'm not sure that's a good reason for you to risk your very own life just to trying stay near many humans. Is there any good reason for that?

It's not only because Kuroe is a man-eater but because she also have an absolutely overwhelming power like a monster. No matter how close Kuroe is to humans there's no way Kuroe can co-exist with them peacefully, in the end what is the true reason and why Kuroe wants to live in the same world with human beings.

This time Kuroe didn't laugh.

"Because... I like humans."

"Ee."

With this sudden statement, Tooya got himself even more confused.

"This, what do you mean."

I've said it many times. Kuroe is a man-eater... Maybe it was something else.

"Nope, I don't like the taste of human beings."

Kuroe immediately denied.

"If it comes to human taste I don't feel anything. But talking about the taste, well it's not that bad."

"... .. I didn't ask you that."

"Hm, I see."

Kuroe nodded.

"Then, let's continue. In fact I don't like eating human... Better to say, I love this race of mankind, this isn't an exaggeration."

If that was the case... so, don't eat human.

"Humans, are interesting."

"Inter, esting... ?"

"That's right."

Kuroe nodded.

"No matter how much I see a human behavior it never gets boring. To say what I feel... That is, the same feeling as when human feels fun looking at the animals in the zoo."

"... .."

Tooya felt this statement was an insult to all humanity, but talking from Kuroe's perspective, human beings were all like that. But if that was the real reason why would Kuroe wanted to blend with humans, and that made Tooya understand it less and lesser.

"... .. Only these?"

"Hm?"

"Only these reasons?"

"Hm."

Kuroe nodded.

"You don't get it?"

"... .. No."

Tooya didn't think he would risk his life to go see animal in the zoo. And Kuroe had said that even if she was sealed she could still see the world with Far-see eyes power. If so, there was no need to risk going out.

"Seeing with Far see eyes and looking directly isn't the same."

This, is what Tooya could understand. It's like watching a beautiful scenery on TV, but not going directly to that place can leave a different impression, not just from visual impression, but also for all the five senses.

"Even so... .. I still don't get it."

Tooya still don't understand.

"Well, humans are unable to understand it."

Kuroe laughed.

"Well forget about it, the most important thing is, I'm a youkai. Youkai must eat a human, even if humans don't acknowledge it, it's a different matter but it's not surprising if human reacts like that."

This... Perhaps this was the case.

"I, was born with a lot of power. As long as I want I'll eat anyone, those that came to kill me were all eaten without any exceptions. This is a fact that I always embedded in my heart."

"What is that?"

"It's, boring."

Kuroe said from the deep of her heart with a boring voice.

"I don't want to do anything. Because I was so strong I don't need to put in any effort. If I like any other average youkai, who's happy eating other human it would be good and appealing. But in my opinion the taste of human beings are not good."

After listening to Kuroe words, Tooya felt a question.

"Like other youkais..."

"Right, I'm among the youkai that was a very strange existence. A normal youkai must eat human in order to exist. To them it meant for survival and it was a must in order to live, but in my opinions that's so boring."

Kuroe said while feeling embarrassed.

"That's why I wanted to choose the guy who didn't like to survive and just stood still while receiving harsh treatments from the other. I wanted to learn about that guy and change myself so I can live with him and the other human being. If I do this it's like killing 2 birds with one stone, I can become more like a human while observing them.."

"... .. So, the contract was simply not necessary."

Even if you didn't make such a contract, you can also observe humans.

"It's not like that... I've said many times, I eat human. If people continued to disappear then certainly someone would find the reasons for it right?"

So the time people went missing and the time Kuroe appeared would be the same.

"Kuroe, you can choose not to eat human... Since you don't like eating humans right?"

Kuroe herself had said so many times.

"I can't."

But Kuroe immediately denied.

"Eating humans is the instinct of a monster... If I don't eat I will be hungry. The hunger will drive me mad."

Kuroe's voice gave people a chill.

"In the past, there was once I didn't eat anyone and after that I fell into a sleep-like status, After two months passed, when I recovered from it, I noticed that I had eaten all the villagers in that village."

Even the powerful Kuroe couldn't break free.

"At least one human per month, if I do that there's no problem at all. If i do that within the time limit I think there's no harm to it."

So this was the reason for the contract price.

"Because I ate the whole village. After about three months, they were basically gone. But there was an apprentice magician that appeared in front of me and told me that he wanted to make a contract with me. At that time I was very surprised, that the guy came to make a contract with me."

"That's, like the contract between you and me?"

"You're right."

Kuroe nodded.

"He was a very interesting man. He wanted to show he was much stronger than the monster to make them his servant. I'd never seen someone like him, in general he'd certainly be killed."

"But, you accepted it?"

"I accepted."

Kuroe replied without hesitation.

"The price of contract is to eat a person every month. The content of the contract is absolute obedience to the master's command... This is the condition."

In a common sense, that kind of contract is still unacceptable.

"But I still accepted. In this case, there will not be any problems to stay by a human's side."

"But, still you eat human?"

"Hm, I ate many kinds of human back then, I ate a magician. Magistrate and those two were basically the same. I also ate fugitives, condemned people, and many many more. The reason I ate them was because they were chosen by my previous master. So they can't blame me for eating them".

This was the main reason of the contract. It's not for Kuroe who decides who she will eat, but the contractor is the one who decides the target. This is the way that she can be allowed to stay near humans.

"That kind of thing last for about 5 years or so. After that the emperor in that time ordered all of magicians to exterminate all of the youkais and demons, of course that includes the tamed one too."

So to speak, Kuroe said this before that monsters existed long time a go, so in the modern times, there is no monster.

"But if that's the case, why are you still alive?"

If that happened before she made a contract with a human, she should be able survive on her own. But for Kuroe, who have made a contract, she will die if ordered to.

Although in the end Kuroe was sealed, so it was also too strange.

"Because my previous master didn't wish for me to die at that time. But he can't oppose the government by himself, so that's why he made this seal to save me from being exterminated."

As a result Kuroe was forgotten by the surroundings, and lived till now.

"Why, didn't that man kill you?"

"I don't know."

Kuroe gently shook her head.

"Maybe he took a liking with me, or maybe sometime in the future he wanted to re-forge the contract with me. Well, by looking from the seal, maybe it's meant for re-forging the contract in the future. Since the condition of breaking the seal is by making a contract with a human being, if there's no contractor then I can't free myself from the seal and go outside after all.

Then Kuroe looked at Tooya.

"So, what now?"

Kuroe asked.

"What..."

"Want to kill me?"

"! ?"

Kuroe suddenly uttered these words, making Tooya speechless.

"I've said it many times, If I was ordered to die I would die. The nightmare pestering master would end too so isn't that an attractive offer? You're free to decide."

These words were very attractive. Kuroe is a powerful monster. In having Kuroe as a servant, one can certainly dominate a country with ease. But Tooya didn't want it. Because Tooya expected only one thing.

Although, This desire has been unable to achieve.

Tooya... .. couldn't achieve it.

"Hey, Kuroe."

"What is it?"

"Why are you telling me all this?"

Just say a word to kill Kuroe, if you didn't say so... Clearly I wouldn't know.

"It's nothing, this is very simple."

Kuroe smiled.

"If so, it's more interesting."

Kuroe enjoyed this risk.

"... .. maybe you'll die?"

"Death doesn't matter."

Kuroe said faintly.

"Death can free me from this boredom... this is also good."

Then, Kuroe remarked, so Tooya made up his mind.

"Well then, what now?"

Kuroe asked again.

Then Tooya.

"No."

He laughed out.

Tooya replied with a smile.

"I won't kill you."

Kuroe was a little surprised, but Tooya soon began to speak.

"You want to ask why?"

Kuroe didn't say anything, Tooya continued.

"Because, I need you."

Tooya said so.

"Hau."

At this time Tooya and Kuroe made an eye contact with each other.

"You actually said you need me."

Kuroe also laughed.

"Not because of contractual obligations, but from your own will?"

"Correct."

Tooya nodded.

"Hm."

Kuroe, revealing a look in her eyes like it was saying "as I expected"

"Then, what does master expect from me?"

And Kuroe asked.

"Keeping a man-eater by your side, what do you want from me in exchange of keeping a sin of taking other human lives?"

Kuroe was waiting for Tooya's answer.

Tooya replied.

"I want..."

Tooya slowly, said it out.

Epilogue: The Daily Life Between Him and Man-eater

Then as always morning arrived.

"I'm going!"

Rikka went out of her house full of spirit. She was smiling brightly like those full of hope and dream. Of course the scar on her face was completely gone. It seemed she could already smile from the deepest part of her heart.

"Good morning."

To such a Rikka, Tooya whispered. These words didn't reach Rikka's ears, and she also didn't look at Tooya and went straight to school.

"Good morning."

Behind him, Kuroe said with a smile.

"... .. Good morning."

"Why are you staring at me?"



Kuroe shrugged.

"No need to say hello twice."

She just greeted me back at home.

"Is that so."

Kuroe replied with a smile.

"... .. Don't look at me like that."

"Roger."

Kuroe's face became serious for a moment.

"However, master."

"... .. What?"

"Obviously, is this really right? Won't regret this kind of thing?"

"... .."

"That girl forgot the existence of master, this is master's own wish, right?"

"... .. yeah."

Tooya nodded.

"Rikka forgets me... this is my wish."

Saying, Tooya looked back at Kuroe.

"For that, I let you live."

This was the result of Tooya's expectation. Tooya made Rikka forget about him, that was what Tooya wanted in exchange for Kuroe. She even couldn't sense Tooya's presence. Kuroe faithfully executed the order, Rikka had completely forgotten Tooya.

"But, I don't understand."

"... .. Don't understand what?"

"Why order me to do that?"

"I, just hope Rikka could be happy."

Tooya didn't escape directly and answered.

"So why does she need to forget about master? No matter how it looked from many perspectives, that girl's happiness lies within master."

"... .. Because so, I want her to forget."

"Hm?"

"If she was with me, Rikka wouldn't be happy."

After listening to this Kuroe tilted her head.

"So melodramatic."

Clearly Rikka and Tooya would be happy together, but Tooya said that Rikka wouldn't be happy.

"A... little melodramatic isn't bad for a change of pace."

Tooya spit out this sentence.

"Because I wanted Rikka to find her happiness.. where I don't exist within her."

"Master expects so?"

"Yes, I expect happiness will come to her eventually."

This was inside Tooya's expectations. He knew that he was the happiness that Rikka always seek, but even so Tooya still did this without even

consulting to Rikka first. The reason, was because Tooya couldn't give Rikka's happiness that she wanted from him.

"Master, you're really troublesome."

Surprised, Kuroe looked straight at Tooya.

"If it's for the sake of that girl, I think being together with Master is really the best choice."

"... Also with a man-eater like you beside?"

"So why don't you kill me?"

Kuroe really casually said those words.

"Knowing what our relationship is, it's only like a high class magician and apprentice magician right? Killing me won't do any harm to master, and it can also make master more intimidating with that girl. I'm 100% sure that girls want to do that kind of thing too to master."

"... .."

"Or maybe you can order me to delete master's memory and make me commit suicide. Because master memories and my memories aren't linked together so there's no harm to master's memories, therefore you can be free from all of this, and it all will end well without any harm to each other's party."

In short, she could make all the thing that happened up to this point become something that never happened in the first place. But Tooya already did his part up until to this point and Kuroe also did hers too, so they have already overcome any obstacle that befell them. They should be together in this case because they already did their best together to overcome any obstacle, it's a happy ending.

"... .. I can't do it."

Even so Tooya still shook his head.

"This kind of things... I can't do it."

Forget being together, and Rikka having a happy life together with him on a daily basis. Just imagining it, Tooya wanted to puke. This was the best way for him and Rikka, also for the future. But for the present Tooya, he couldn't simply imagine that kind of future.

"Hm, master is really stupid."

"Aa... I'm, stupid."

Tooya generally nodded his head.

"I... like Rikka."

Tooya said as if groaning.

"I like her very much."

Tooya sounded like crying.

"I don't even remember when I started to like her.. Until I noticed it right now, we've been together since we're a kid, I've never thought about us being separated."

" Why are you so aware of your feelings, but didn't confess it?"

"... .. Because, I'm stupid."

Tooya once again said.

"When I've noticed my feelings, we were in junior high school. Although I thought of confessing to her, but it hadn't been done. Initially because our relationship was too close, I was afraid that confessing will destroy the

current relationship, and I like the current relationship with her at that time. Wrong, this was just an excuse. In the end, I just didn't have the courage."

『Right, I don't have courage』 , Tooya said.

"And so my confession became more delayed when I found out that Rikka's father was doing that kind of thing to her.

That face Rikka makes when she faced me, really breaks my heart, so I decided that this was not the time to confess my feeling to her.

"I convinced myself 『Just wait for it』 . Her father would definitely find a new job, after that he just waited for the right time to confess all of his feeling to her. That's what I thought."

But in the end Rikka's father didn't find a job... And the worst results had occurred.

"And... the result of me waiting for that moment is like what you already knew. The right time to confess that I hope to arrive soon never came. And Rikka with her usual look on her face, pretending that nothing happened to her. Seeing that makes me want to go all out to help her, I want to solve all her problems. In the end it finally comes to this. In exchange for Rikka's happiness I'm parting away with her by using your spiritual powers."

In the end, the only thing that Tooya could do was to watch over her from a distance. And in order to do that he went to the same school as Rikka, but that didn't go smoothly as Tooya thought. Because Tooya has gotten involved with a bad group and being bullied increased Rikka's burden instead of reducing it. Rikka already had her own problem at her own house with her father, and now Tooya also increased her burden by being bullied by that bad group. So that was why to reduce Rikka's burden, Tooya chose to stay away from Rikka.

"It's like the drama on TV."

Kuroe said, without even reading the mood.

"That is also true."

Tooya couldn't deny that.

"Maybe if I mustered up all of my courage and went to confess to her at that time, all things would definitely be different than now, or maybe would go even better than right now. Maybe I could protect Rikka directly from her father's abusive behavior. He could beat me instead of Rikka if he wanted, or maybe I could beat him to make him go back to his old kind father like Rikka wanted. If it still didn't work, and he still wanted to beat Rikka everyday, then I will become her shield in order to protect her.

But the reality wasn't that kind, not only Tooya didn't confess to her, he also increased her burden by being at her side, and the worst thing was that he couldn't be there when Rikka needed him, instead he always tried to keep his distance from Rikka which made her hurt more. And in the end he erased his presence in Rikka's life. If he only had the courage, maybe he could fix things up with Rikka.

Even so, that chance would never ever arrive in his life.

"The Order of Black Magic, that man, he's called Tanaka right? I was completely awakened after that man shot me. After hearing what that man said I couldn't stay with Rikka anymore. If I stayed with Rikka any longer it would only drag her to this problem, and that's the thing that I won't ever want to happen as long as I live. I just... want Rikka to be happy."

"So."

Tooya continued.

"I gave up the routine with Rikka, and chose to be with you."

Tooya said this time without any confusion, staring at Kuroe.

"Choose to be with me, which means that from now on there will be people dying."

"... .. right."

"Temporary wasn't mentioned before, but now there won't be an excuse for master?"

At first, when the contract was established between him and Kuroe, he didn't know what he must do to pay the price for contracting with her. Well.. regardless of whether he pays or not, people will still die. This is a fact that can't be changed. But now Tooya knows one thing for sure, this man-eater in front of him will die if he commands her to die. As long as she dies then there's no need to pay the price anymore.

"I, need Kuroe."

Tooya clearly said.

"Rikka's memory had already been erased by Kuroe's magic, but it's not like that "permanently deleted" thing. If there's a time that I need to restore Rikka's memory I will need Kuroe's power once again, not only for that, I also need her to remove every bad people like Rikka's father. In order to do that Kuroe's power is essential."

This was one of the possibilities Kuroe putted forward before. Although Tooya simply refused, it wasn't the same now. If the same thing happened again, Tooya wouldn't hesitate to let Kuroe repeat the same thing.

For this, some people will also die so it doesn't matter?"

"It doesn't matter."

Tooya nodded in response.

"I vow to myself, I will kill for what I think are good for the people."

"You're really evil."

So be it.

"But also stupid."

Kuroe laughed.

"Actually gave up the one you love, and choose to be with a man-eater."

"You're right, I'm extremely stupid."

Even so Tooya, nodded without confusion.

Watching Tooya, Kuroe smiled.

"Humans are really interesting."

Kuroe looked very happy.

"We're going to be late if we dont go, now come on hurry."

Like to escape this smile, Tooya turned away.

"Hey, master."

"Hmm ... What."

Tooya turned his head.

It was like a face that could not help but be mischievous, just in front of him.

"Ha! ?"

Tooya hurriedly pull back his head in panic, and closed his mouth with his hand.

"You, suddenly, what are you doing! ?"

Blushing Tooya didn't know how to react. while Kuroe was still laughing.

"You hate it?"

Kuroe said with a smile.

"Master just said you wanted to be with me right?"



